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ロシア帝国最後の皇女アナスタシアのひ孫として、ロマノフ家の一族と認められた瀬名。
そんな彼を最近、好きだと気づいてしまった骨董屋「椿」の天才鑑定士のカムイ。
瀬名と同じ大学に入ったカムイは、
ある青年から依頼された骨董を探すうち、瀬名に関わる事実につきあたり!?
大好評シリーズついにフィナーレ!

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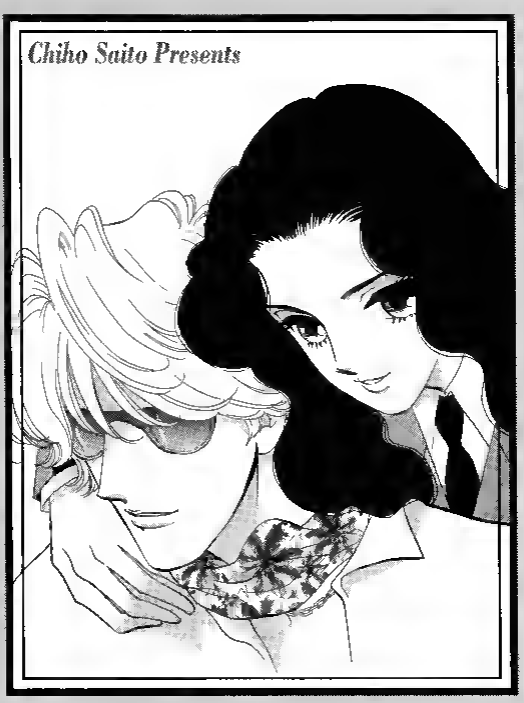

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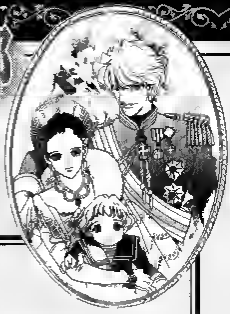

Character Introduction

Sena Takuto

A man of great mystery, enrolled at Seika University. The great-grandson of Anastasia, the last princess of the Russian Empire, he is technically part of the Romanov family however...

Tsubaki Kamui

Granddaughter of old Tsubaki Jougorou, owner of Tsubaki's Old Curiosity Shop. A talented appraiser who inherited her grandfather's talent and skills.

Prof. Oe Hinata

Seira Leonova

Sumi Raisuke

Anastasia Club members

Synopsis

Kamui meets Sena in the events surrounding the appraisal of a Romanov Faberge Egg.

Sena claims to be the great-grandson of Princess Anastasia, and because his features are similar to those of Alexander III, the Romanov estate acknowledges him.

Sena gets involved in a case regarding Rasputin's Cross and disappears... Kamui, realizing she loves Sena, searches Russia for him. A year passes...

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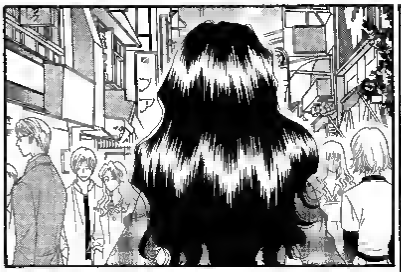
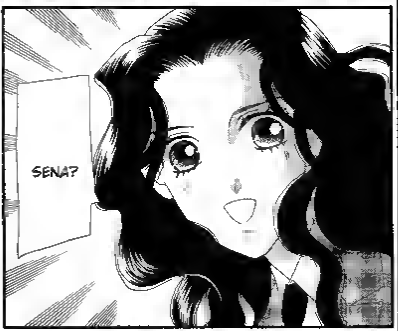
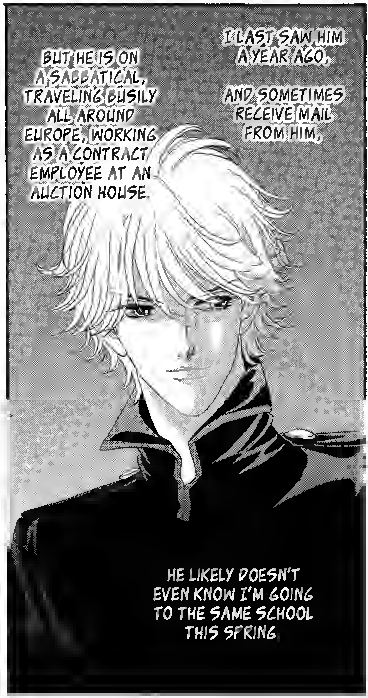
Seika University
TSUBAKI KAMUI.
YOU KNOW HER?
SEEN HER?
THIS SOPHOMORE MAJORING IN CULTURAL STUDIES
THE CURIOSITY SHOP GIRL?
AHH, THAT MUST BE HER!
SHE WAS WALKING PAST THE TENTH BUILDING JUST NOW.

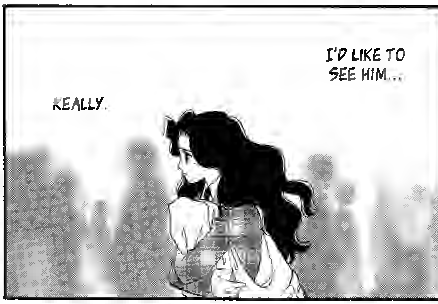


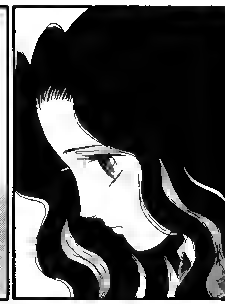

SENA?

SHE LOOKS AS LITTLE AS A GRADE SCHOOL STUDENT, BUT SHE ACTS MATURE.
WEARS A BLAZER, ALWAYS ALONE.
ALWAYS LEAVES EARLY.
I WONDER IF SHE HAS TO POLISH THE CURIOSITIES...?


I LAST SAW HIM A YEAR AGO.
AND SOMETIMES RECEIVE MAIL FROM HIM.
BUT HE IS ON A SABBATICAL, TRAVELING BUSILY ALL AROUND EUROPE, WORKING AS A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE AT AN AUCTION HOUSE.
HE LIKELY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I'M GOING TO THE SAME SCHOOL THIS SPRING.

...I GOT THE FEELING SENA WAS AROUND, BUT...
HE'S NOWHERE


I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM...
REALLY.

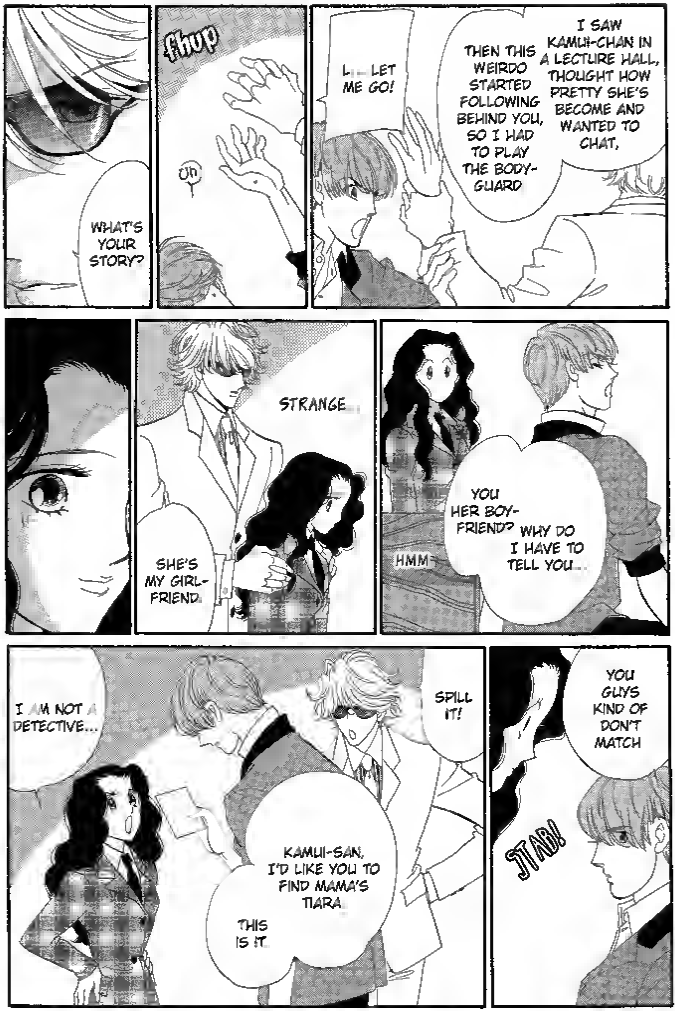


Tsubaki's Old Curiosity Shop
ANY-BODY...?
Tsubaki's Old Curiosity Shop
WELCOME!
SO YOU FOLLOWED ME HERE FROM THE UNIVERSITY. DID YOU NEED ANYTHING?

...I JUST COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT MOMENT TO TALK TO YOU.
I'M A SOPHOMORE, AS WELL, MAJORING IN ECONOMICS I'M SAKURAI YOUICHIROU.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT YOU...
YOU SEE, I'VE LOST SOMETHING DEAR TO ME
I'M NOT A DETECTIVE, BUT AN APPRAISER, AS YOU MIGHT BE AWARE. WHY?
I KNOW THAT YOU'RE THE BEST WHEN IT COMES TO ANTIQUES, AND HAVE MADE AN EDUCATED DECISION.
Oh— Neat, this
ALSO GIVEN THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THIS SHOP..
WE DON'T DEAL WITH STOLEN GOODS, ALL RIGHT?
NICE BIG MARBLE
IT'S A CRYSTAL
AH... WE'VE GOT SOMETHING LIKE THIS BACK HOME, TOO
HOW MUCH IS THIS?
COULD YOU STOP TOUCHING THE STUFFED BIRD?
THIS ONE'S NE IT, TOO!

LISTEN
ACTUALLY, HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO PAY TO TAKE IT ALL BACK?
SENA...
I...
BEEN DOING FINE?

I'VE WRESTLED OUT A MONTH OF VACATION
I HAVE TO DO THE PAPERWORK AND ALL SORTS OF THINGS DURING THAT ONE, SO I WENT TO THE UNI
WHEN DID YOU RETURN?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?


WHAT'S YOUR STORY?
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Uh
L... LET ME GO!
THEN THIS WEIRDO STARTED FOLLOWING BEHIND YOU, SO I HAD TO PLAY THE BODY-GUARD
I SAW KAMUI-CHAN IN A LECTURE HALL, THOUGHT HOW PRETTY SHE'S BECOME AND WANTED TO CHAT,
STRANGE...
SHE'S MY GIRL-FRIEND.
HMM
YOU HER BOY-FRIEND? WHY DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU...
I AM NOT A DETECTIVE...
KAMUI-SAN, I'D LIKE YOU TO FIND MAMA'S TIARA.
THIS IS IT.
SPILL IT!
YOU GUYS KIND OF DON'T MATCH
JTAD!

MAMA'S WEDDING PHOTO.
MY LATED RUSSIAN PAPA GAVE HER THIS TIARA, PRECIOUS IN EVERY WAY,
AND SHE GAVE IT TO ME TO CARE FOR WHILE SHE WOULD BE— STILL IS— ON A BUSINESS TRIP TO RUSSIA
BUT IT'S GONE.
DRAGON-FLIES
IT'S AN ART NOUVEAU PIECE IN LALIQUE'S STYLE
WHAT?
THEN SOMEBODY BOUGHT IT, I GUESS..
I NEEDED MONEY BADLY, SO I PAWNED IT.
WHAT?
AT THE PAWN-BROKER'S.
WHERE AND WHEN WAS IT LAST?

THEY NEVER TOLD ME WHO THEY SOLD IT TO.
HEY!... YOU EXPECT TO GET IT BACK?
DIDN'T YOU NEED MONEY?
A FRIEND OF MINE WAS IN TROUBLE.
SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD LEND THEM MONEY...
I COULDN'T CONTACT MOM IN RUSSIA, AND MY FINANCES WEREN'T SO WELL OFF, AND I JUST WENT WITH THE FLOW.
BUT I DIDN'T EXACTLY EXPECT THE TIARA TO LEAVE THE PAWNBROKER.
BUT THAT'S OBVIOUS!
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS AND ALL THAT,
BUT HOW CRUEL WAS THAT TOWARDS YOUR MOTHER?
YOU JUST PAWNED A FAMILY RELIC TO GET SOME MONEY...
YOU'RE RIGHT
BUT SHE LOVES HER ONLY SON AND SHOULD PART WITH THE MONEY EASILY...
I WENT TO THE PAWNBROKER YESTERDAY ONE LAST TIME TO TRY AND BUY IT BACK. BUT THEY HAD CLOSED THE SHOP.
AND THE WORKERS DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THE OWNER WENT...
DON'T BOTHER WITH THIS,
THIS...
And, and...

THIS TIARA...
LOOKS FAMILIAR
I HAVEN'T SEEN IT SINCE SHE DIED I WAS A KID THEN... STILL...
MY MOTHER HAS A PICTURE WITH HER WEARING IT...!
MY...
WHICH PAWNBROKER? OR WAS IT AN E-.UCTION?
WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

HEY, SENA...
MORE IMPORTANTLY... WHERE IS IT NOW, YOU WANTED TO SAY?
WHY DID YOU HAVE IT?
IS IT BASICALLY THE SAME TIARA?
ABSOLUTELY! THE STONE'S COLOR'S DIFFERENT, THOUGH.
MY MOTHER'S ONE HAD A SHINY BLUE ONE,
AND THIS ONE'S YELLOWISH BROWN.
MAYBE A COPY...
MY MOTHER'S IS THE REAL DEAL! I'M PRETTY SURE!!
IT'S EITHER THAT,
OR YOUR FATHER UP AND CHANGED THE STONE...
WOW, YOUR IMAGINATION IS SOMETHING.
HOPE IT'S NOT CONTAGIOUS!

I'M OUTTA HERE.
YEAH, GO.
SLAM!
CLICK
I ALMOST FORGOT.
THE PAWN-BROKER'S CARD AND MY ADDRESS, HERE.
ALSO, MAMA'S PHOTO.
I JUST MOVED TO THE CAPITAL WHEN I ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY. MAMA'S IN OUR OLD HOME IN NAGOYA, SO I DON'T LIVE WITH HER.
BUT I WANT TO HAVE THE TIARA BACK BY THE TIME SHE RETURNS.
THE MONEY'S NO ISSUE.
FOR MAMA
WELL, I...
WE'RE IN.
IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE TIARA WAS MY MOTHER'S.
YOU'LL HELP ME FIND IT, RIGHT, KAMUI-CHAN?
NO ONE ELSE CAN DO IT.

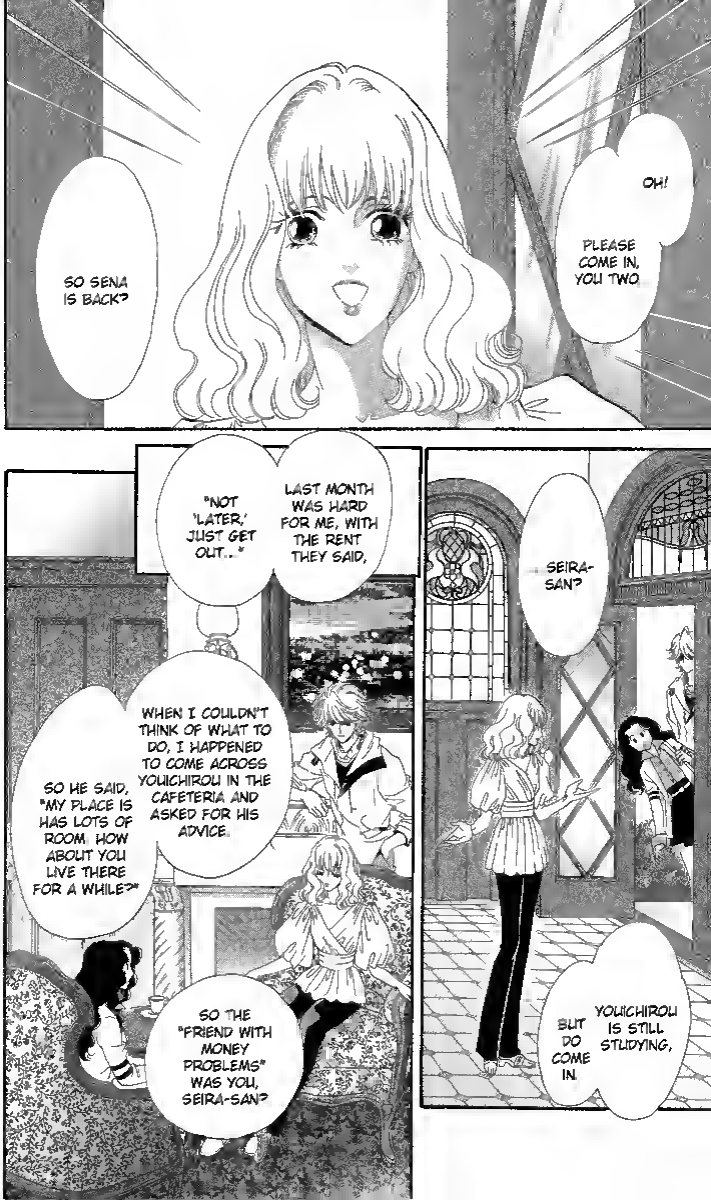
TOGETHER WITH SENA, LOOKING FOR PART OF SENA'S MEMORIES...
OF COURSE
Odyll's Pawn shop
YEAH, ODYLL'S PAWNSHOP FELT LIKE THEY WERE WALKIN' A SHAKY BRIDGE.
EVEN MORE SINCE THEY GOT THE LOAN SHARK'S OFFICE FACIN' THEM.
RUMORS ABOUT RUSSIAN MAFIA COURIERS BEEN COMIN' AND GOIN'...
RUSSIAN MAFIA?
FWISH
Where's my money?
Odyll
Pawn Shop
THIEVES!
Wakame-soba 450
Beer (large) 600
Canned beer 350

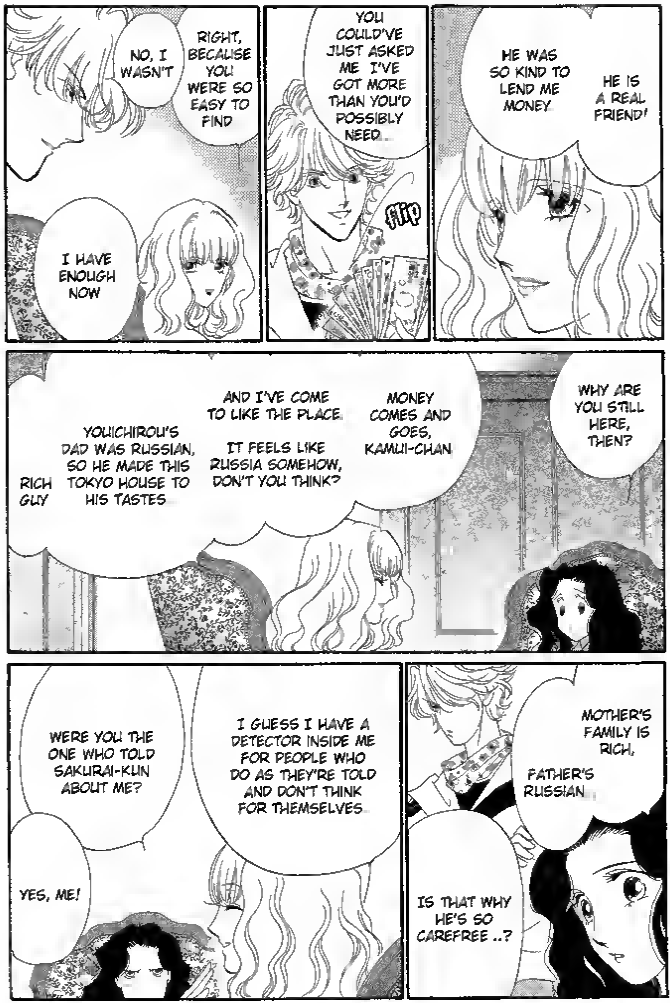
Seika University
AS A PROFESSOR OF SEIKA, I WAS ROOTING FOR SENA'S READMISSION
TOOK MOST THINGS AWAY, SO THE INSIDE'S A REAL MESS BET WHATEVER YOU'VE PAWNED ISN'T THERE ANYMORE
AFTER THE PAWNBROKER MADE A RUN FOR IT THAT NIGHT, FOLKS BEEN COMIN' AROUND, EVEN SOMEBODY CALLIN' HIMSELF A BILL COLLECTOR
Metro
Police
Acade
Dorm
THE ONLY ONE OF THE LAST YEAR'S ANASTASIA CLUB'S FOLKS, WHO GRADUATED ON HIS FOURTH YEAR IN...
SUMI-KUN'
WHAT GUY?
JUST, IF IT COMES TO FINDING THINGS, YOU SHOULD'VE WORKED WITH THAT GUY...
THANK YOU, OO HINATA
NO WAY
SUMI-KUN...
Metro
Police
Acade
Dorm

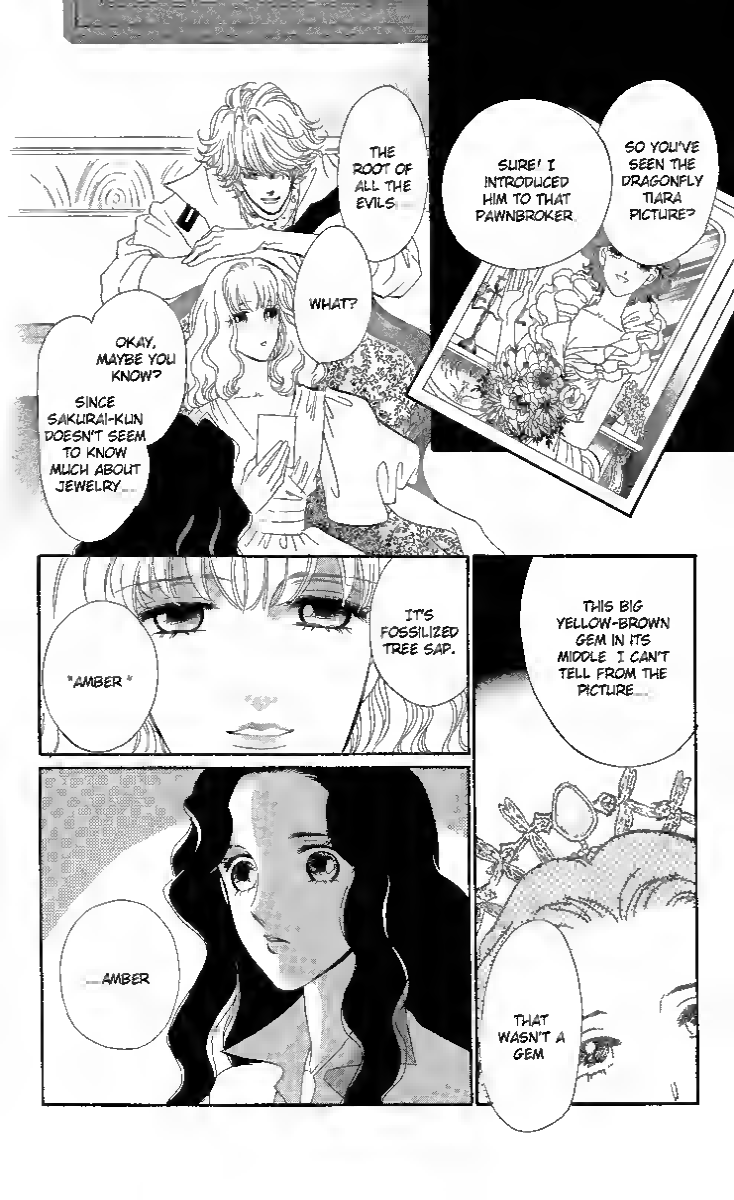
IF I SO MUCH AS CAUSE A PROBLEM, THEY'LL BOOT ME OUT
AND I, FOR ONE,
SHOULD ADVISE THAT COMMON CITIZENS AVOID DANGER BEFORE IT BECOMES A CASE.
RIGHT NOW I'M FOLLOWING IN UNCLE'S TRACKS, MAKING A CAREER IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR HALF A YEAR I'LL BE COMPLETING COURSES
SHE'S TAKEN A YEAR OFF SCHOOL, AND NOT FOR STUDYING! SHE'S LIVING WITH SOME GUY!
DO YOU KNOW ANY-THING, SUMI-KUN?
I CAN'T CONTACT SEIRA-SAN, THOUGH.
I JUST BROUGHT SENA ALONG BECAUSE HE SAID HE WANTED TO SEE SUMI-KUN ONCE A YEAR
YUP!
DON'T WORRY!
Doing Fine?
I ADVISE AGAINST WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S FOOL.

SUMI!! WHAT ARE YOU YELLING ABOUT?
SORRY, SIR! INSTRUCTOR, SIR!!
I'M SORRY ...
FWIP
SUMI-KUN
YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR LOOK?
GUESS IT'S A VETO ON LONG HAIR.
C'MON.
IF YOU GET YOURSELVES IN A HUGE MESS,
DO COME CRYING TO ME,
KAMUI-KUN!
I'M OF MUCH MORE USE THAN THAT FOOL OVER THERE!!

WE NEED TO ASK SO MUCH OF SAKURAI-KUN...
ABOUT THE TIARA, ABOUT HIS MOTHER, ABOUT HIS FRIENDS, TOO...
SO HE LIVES... HERE?
FOR A SINGLE GUY, WELL...
Sakurai
DING-DONG
COMING!


SO SENA IS BACK?
OH! PLEASE COME IN, YOU TWO
SEIRA-SAN?
BUT DO COME IN
YOUICHIROU IS STILL STUDYING,
SO THE "FRIEND WITH MONEY PROBLEMS" WAS YOU, SEIRA-SAN?
SO HE SAID, "MY PLACE IS HAS LOTS OF ROOM. HOW ABOUT YOU LIVE THERE FOR A WHILE?"
WHEN I COULDN'T THINK OF WHAT TO DO, I HAPPENED TO COME ACROSS YOUICHIROU IN THE CAFETERIA AND ASKED FOR HIS ADVICE.
"NOT 'LATER,' JUST GET OUT.."
LAST MONTH WAS HARD FOR ME, WITH THE RENT THEY SAID,


RIGHT, BECAUSE YOU WERE SO EASY TO FIND
NO, I WASN'T
I HAVE ENOUGH NOW
YOU COULD'VE JUST ASKED ME I'VE GOT MORE THAN YOU'D POSSIBLY NEED...
flip
HE WAS SO KIND TO LEND ME MONEY
HE IS A REAL FRIEND!
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE, THEN?
MONEY COMES AND GOES, KAMUI-CHAN
AND I'VE COME TO LIKE THE PLACE.
IT FEELS LIKE RUSSIA SOMEHOW, DON'T YOU THINK?
YOUICHIROU'S DAD WAS RUSSIAN, SO HE MADE THIS TOKYO HOUSE TO HIS TASTES
RICH GUY
WERE YOU THE ONE WHO TOLD SAKURAI-KUN ABOUT ME?
I GUESS I HAVE A DETECTOR INSIDE ME FOR PEOPLE WHO DO AS THEY'RE TOLD AND DON'T THINK FOR THEMSELVES
YES, ME!
MOTHER'S FAMILY IS RICH,
FATHER'S RUSSIAN
IS THAT WHY HE'S SO CAREFREE ..?


THE ROOT OF ALL THE EVILS...
WHAT?
OKAY, MAYBE YOU KNOW?
SINCE SAKURAI-KUN DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW MUCH ABOUT JEWELRY...
SURE! I INTRODUCED HIM TO THAT PAWNBROKER.
SO YOU'VE SEEN THE DRAGONFLY TIARA PICTURE?
"AMBER"
IT'S FOSSILIZED TREE SAP.
...AMBER
THIS BIG YELLOW-BROWN GEM IN ITS MIDDLE I CAN'T TELL FROM THE PICTURE...
THAT WASN'T A GEM

IT'S RARE TO SEE AMBER ADORNING A BRIDE.
THE DRAGONFLY MOTIF GOES BACK TO ART NOUVEAU TIMES, SPECIFICALLY THE "JAPONIQUE" BOOM.
THAT'S WHY A RUSSIAN MAN WOULD GIVE IT TO A JAPANESE WOMAN AS A PRESENT. I CAN SEE THAT, JUST...
DO YOU WANT ONE, KAMUI-CHAN? SHOULD I GIVE IT TO YOU IF I EVER GET A HOLD OF IT?
HUH?
I .. I DO, MAYBE.
SEE YOU AT THE UNI TO-MORROW.
FOREHEAD. HUH...

A PICTURE OF MY MOM. I HAD THEM LOOK FOR IT INSIDE MY DESK DRAWER OVER AT THE AUCTION HOUSE.
SEE? HER TIARA HAS A BLUE STONE.
SO THIS IS YOUR MOTHER!
SO YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL!
YUP.
IT'S REALLY BLUE!
ALSO... SAKURAI-KUN'S MOTHER IS WEARING A BRIDAL DRESS,
THESE REALLY LOOK THE SAME IF YOU DISREGARD THE COLOR.
WHILE YOUR MOTHER'S CLOTHES ARE MEANT FOR EVERY DAY
COULDN'T SHE WEAR IT DURING THE CEREMONY?

WELL, MOM DIED WHILE SHE WAS STILL DAD'S LOVER.
UH... YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT TO BE ASKED, BUT TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR PARENTS
IF THIS IS YOUR MOTHER'S POSSESSION I'M SURE I'LL NEED TO KNOW
WITHOUT ANY LIES OR EVASION,
ONLY TRUTH—
TRUST ME.

THE SOVIET UNION THAT HAD REPLACED THE FALLEN DYNASTY WAS GOVERNED BY SOCIALISM...
SOMEHOW, MY FATHER MADE A CAREER AS A DIPLOMAT THEN...
HIM BEING A BRASS OFFICIAL DURING HIS ARRANGED MARRIAGE
AND THE ROMANOVS REFUSING TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM WERE ACTUALLY GOOD THINGS, I RECKON.
MY FATHER WAS...
A GRANDSON OF PRINCESS ANASTASIA OF THE ROMANOV DYNASTY
YOU KNOW THAT.
DAD CAME TO JAPAN AS A SOVIET AMBASSADOR, FELL IN LOVE WITH MOM WHO HAS BEEN TAKING A RUSSIAN LANGUAGE COURSE.
HE COULDN'T DIVORCE HIS RUSSIAN WIFE, WHICH WAS FOR HIS SELF-PROTECTION.
I GREW UP WITH JUST ONE PARENT, WITHOUT MUCH FORTUNE.
BUT MY MOTHER, TOO, GAVE BIRTH TO ME OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE AND MUST'VE FELT INSECURE ABOUT THAT.
EVEN IF DAD DID GIVE HER THE TIARA

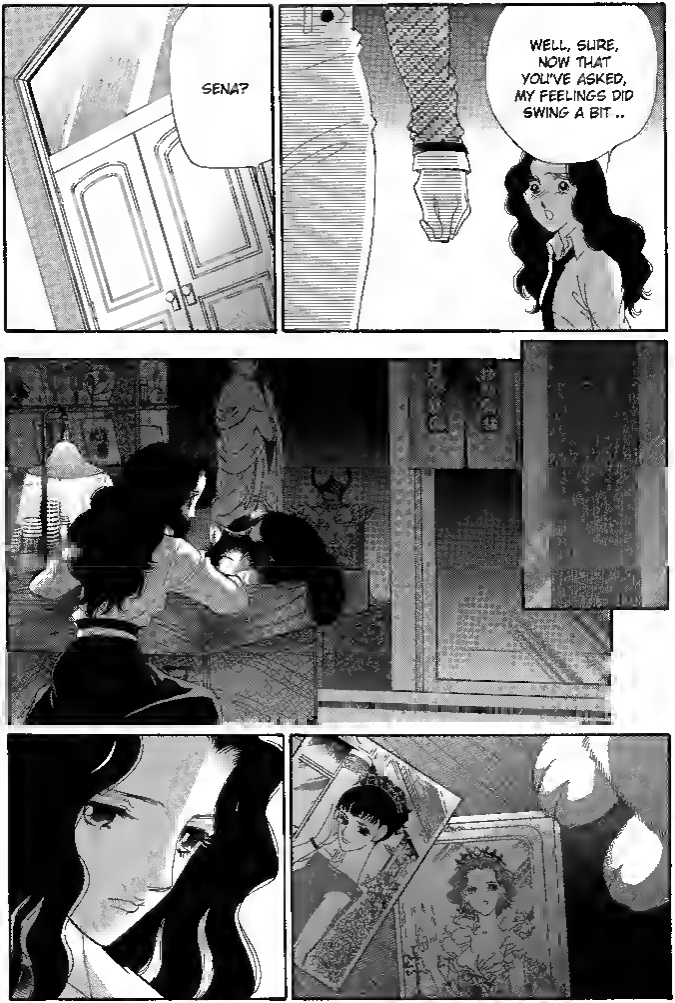
HE WAS JUST THREE WHEN HIS MOTHER—
BECAUSE MY MOTHER DIED THEN, MAYBE FROM STRESS, I'M NOT SURE
WHY THREE YEARS?
STILL, WHILE DAD DID LIVE IN JAPAN,
HE VISITED US— MOM, GRANNY AND ME— DAILY FOR THREE YEARS STRAIGHT.
HOW SIMILAR.
MY GRANNY RAISED ME UNTIL I WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD
DAD KEPT SHOWING UP ABOUT ONCE A WEEK, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, UNTIL HE FLEW BACK HOME.
YET, WHEN I WAS EIGHT, SAID GRANNY DIED TOO,
SO DAD CAME BACK FROM RUSSIA FOR ME
HE SENT ME TO A RUSSIAN BOARDING SCHOOL, THEN, WHEN I TURNED TEN, I WENT TO A BALLET SCHOOL AND BECAME A SPECIAL STUDENT
SO I WAS RAISED BY GRANDPA, AND YOU BY YOUR GRANNY.
BY THE END OF THAT YEAR, THE SOVIET UNION FELL TOO, AND SOCIETY TURNED OVER.
THOSE WERE LAWLESS TIMES.
THREE YEARS LATER, DAD DIED OF ALCOHOLISM.

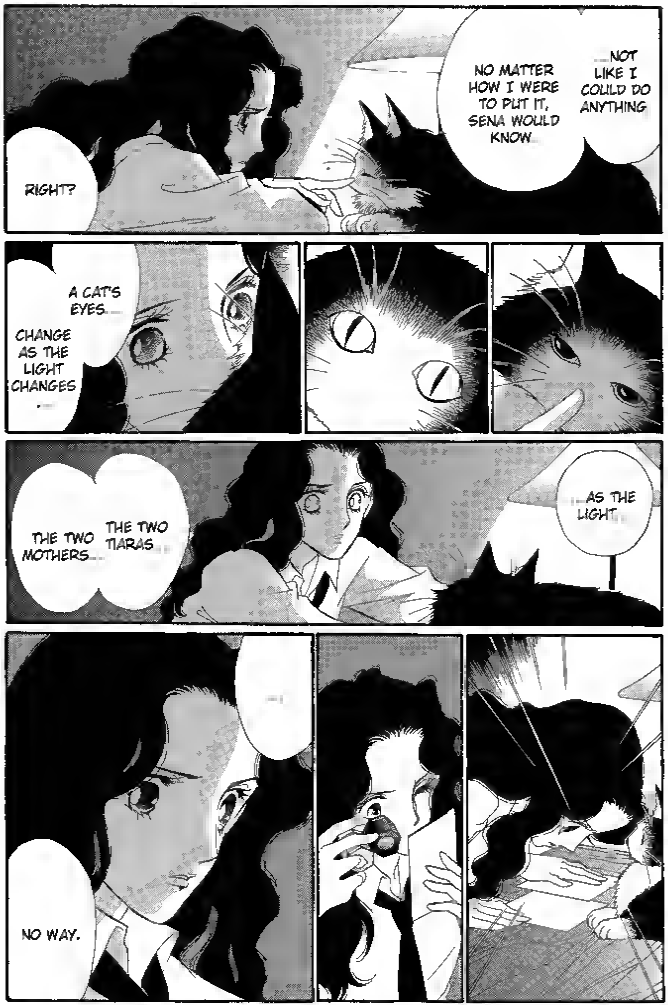
THIS ENDS THE STORY OF MY FAMILY.
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?
STILL NEED IT?
NO, I WANT TO KNOW.
THEY DIDN'T LET ME GO TO DAD'S FUNERAL.
DAD'S WIFE TOOK A LAWYER WITH HER AND CAME TO MY SCHOOL
SAID THAT SHE'D LET ME KEEP DOING BALLET,
BUT FOR THAT I HAD TO RELIQUISH ALL MY RIGHTS AS MY FATHER'S SON.
I ANSWERED, "I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP. I'M A PRIZED STUDENT AND WILL BE ABLE TO STUDY REGARDLESS."
"AND I DON'T WANNA BREAK ALL TIES WITH MY DAD."

"ARE YOU TELLING ME SINCE YOU'RE HIS ONLY SON YOU'VE GOT SOME SPECIAL TIES?"
"LISTEN UP! HE'S MADE OTHER WOMEN PREGNANT TOO."
"AS SOON AS YOUR MOTHER H D DIED! YOU'RE NOT SPECIAL, THAT'S WHAT I SAY."
"HE WAS JUST A LECHEROUS SKIRT-CHASING DRUNKARD. AND NOW I HAVE TO RUN ALL AROUND CLEANING UP AFTER HIM..."
I WAS DISILLUSIONED ABOUT DAD—
AND QUIT SCHOOL A YEAR LATER
I WAS A WRECK, JUST WANDERING AROUND THE CITY ALONE.
MOST OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS I'D BEEN LIVING WITH STREET CHILDREN
A CERTAIN CHARITY GROUP SECURED ME TOOK ME BACK OVER TO JAPAN AND FROM A LOCAL BOARDING-ONLY HIGH SCHOOL I'VE GRADUATED TO THIS UNIVERSITY.
LATER ON I FOUND OUT IT HAD BEEN PRINCESS TATYANA MIKHAILOVNA WHO HAD LEARNED OF MY SITUATION AND LENT A HAND.

...WHAT WERE YOU EATING?
ALONE FOR WHOLE THREE YEARS...
I'VE...
WHATEVER I COULD STEAL, OR I WOULD DANCE AND EARN SOME CASH... ANYTHING WOULD GO THAT GAVE ME MONEY
... EVEN DONE THAT AWFUL THING THAT YOU MIGHT BE IMAGINING NOW, KAMUI-CHAN

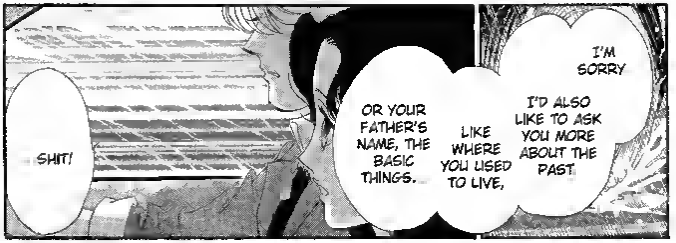
I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE ABOUT THIS BEFORE.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT FOR YOU...
SO IT'S ONLY FAIR IF YOU CAN'T ACCEPT ME.
I JUST THOUGHT ...POOR SEN....
"POOR" ISN'T "LOVE"!
HAVEN'T YOUR FEELINGS CHANGED NOW THAT YOU'VE HEARD?
...MY LOVE FOR YOU HAS NOT CHANGED, SENA.


SENA?
WELL, SURE, NOW THAT YOU'VE ASKED, MY FEELINGS DID SWING A BIT ..


...NOT LIKE I COULD DO ANYTHING
NO MATTER HOW I WERE TO PUT IT, SENA WOULD KNOW...
RIGHT?
A CAT'S EYES... CHANGE AS THE LIGHT CHANGES...
...AS THE LIGHT...
THE TWO TIARAS...
THE TWO MOTHERS...
...!
NO WAY.

SENA!
GET IN.
SORRY FOR A SUDDEN CALL,
JUST WANTED US TO GO TO SAKURAI'S PLACE TOGETHER

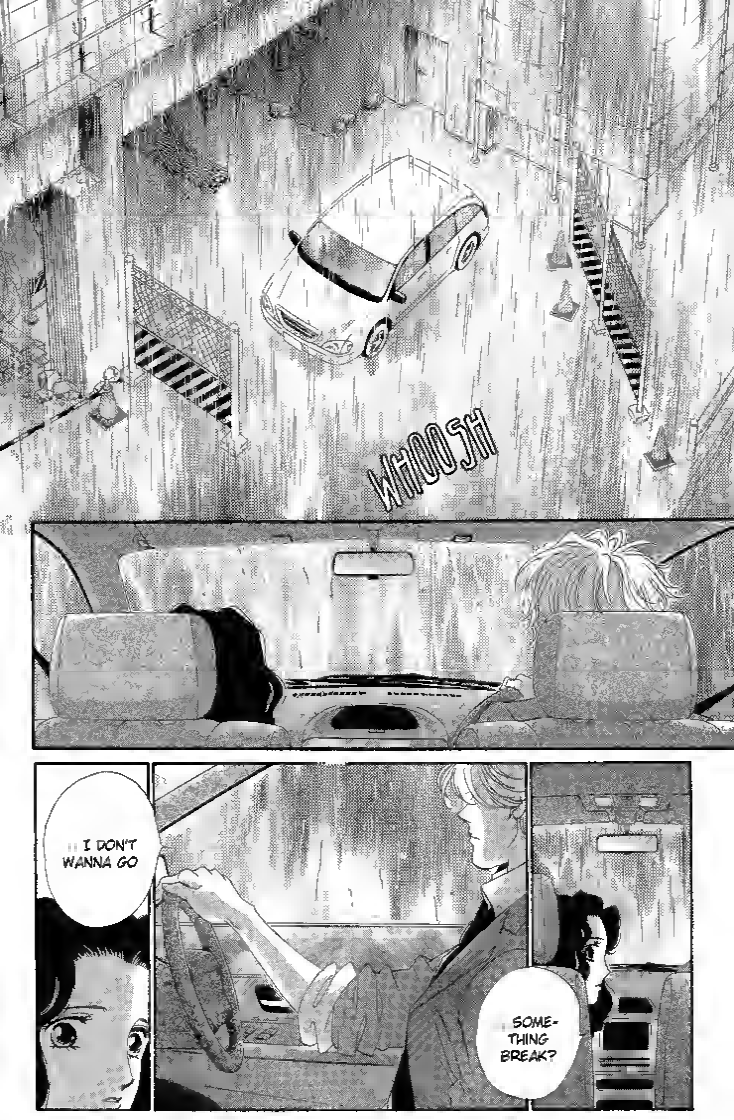
VROOOOM
OUR EYES WON'T MEET
LISTEN!
I THINK I'VE GOT IT.
IT'S STILL A THEORY, THOUGH
THE PLACE WHERE THE TIARA IS?
NOT THAT...
THEN IT'S AS GOOD AS NOTHING'S BEEN SOLVED.
THERE STILL IS SOMETHING I WANT SAKURAI-KUN TO TELL ME...
I CAN'T STAND HIM
DO THAT ON THE PHONE.
I HAVE TO CONFIRM SOMETHING FACE-TO-FACE


I'M SORRY.
I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK YOU MORE ABOUT THE PAST.
LIKE WHERE YOU USED TO LIVE,
OR YOUR FATHER'S NAME, THE BASIC THINGS.
SHIT!

VROOOM

KNOW WHAT, LET'S NOT GO.
THE ROAD'S... FLOODED.

TAKE A DETOUR
KA-VROOM
WHEEM


WHOOSH
I DON'T WANNA GO
SOME-THING BREAK?

KRA-
SE...
POW!
WOW... THAT'S SOME THUNDER.

WAIT ...!

SENA...
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
LET'S GO TO MY ROOM.
I WANT YOU, KAMUI-CHAN.

SO YOU HAVEN'T ACCEPTED ME, AFTER ALL.
WE NEED TO GO TO SAKURAI-KUN'S HOUSE.
BUT YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO COVER SOMETHING UP!

IF WE JUST GO TO SAKURAI-KUN'S,
WE MIGHT LEARN A LOT.
IT'S FOR YOUR GOOD, TOO, I'M SURE!

ALRIGHT

Sakurai

WELCOME.
SO!
IT'S SOLVED, RIGHT? THAT'S WHY YOU'VE COME, RIGHT? WHERE'S THE TIARA?
Ahem!
SO DARK...
A LIGHTNING STRIKE MADE THE LIGHTS GO OUT. AND THE WIRING SEEMS WET...
IT IS AN OLD HOUSE, ISN'T IT...

BEFORE I FIND THE TIARA, I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING EVEN MORE IMPORTANT.
I'LL EXPLAIN IN ORDER, IF I COULD HAVE YOUR ATTENTION
I'M LISTENING?
LOOKING AT THE PICTURE OF SAKURAI-KUN'S MOTHER
AND THAT OF SENA'S MOTHER--
VIEWED UP CLOSE AND NEAR EACH OTHER, THERE IS A COMMON POINT THAT I HAVE FOUND.
THERE IS A MIRROR BEHIND SAKURAI-KUN'S MOTHER
A GLASS WINDOW BEHIND SENA'S MOTHER.
YOU CAN SEE THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' VAGUE SHAPES REFLECTING.

BOTH WOMEN SMILE FROM THEIR HEARTS,
SAKURAI-KUN'S AND SENA'S FATHERS
SO I WOULD ASSUME THOSE ARE THEIR SPOUSES—
THEIR FACES ARE HIDDEN BEHIND THE CAMERAS, AND IT IS HARD TO SAY FOR SURE,
BUT THE WAY THEY HOLD THE CAMERA, THEIR SILHOUETTES— THOSE ARE VISIBLE
WHEN I LOOKED AT THEM, I KNEW.
THE TWO PICTURES OF TWO TIARAS ACTUALLY SHOW US JUST ONE.
THE STONE IS NOT DIFFERENT, EITHER
IT'S ONE AND THE SAME ITEM
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? SO IT'S THE SAME IN BOTH PHOTOGRAPHS?
SEIRA-SAN SAID THE YELLOW-BROWN STONE IN THE TIARA WAS AMBER.
THAT'S WHEN I REMEMBERED:
THERE IS A RARE VARIETY WHERE THE COLOR CHANGES UNDER DAYLIGHT, AS IN THIS CASE

LONG AGO, THEY USED TO THINK IT HAD MAGICAL POWERS.
"BLUE AMBER"— THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED.
WHAT THE?
OHH, THAT ONE!
IT CONTAINS FLUORESCENT PARTICLES AND TENDS TO LOOK BLUE EVEN UNDER CANDLELIGHT.
HOWEVER, BLUE AMBER BECOMES CLEAR BLUE UNDER DIRECT SUNLIGHT.
MANY MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, AMBER WAS JUST TREE SAP, AND AS SUCH, IT'S NORMALLY YELLOWISH.
WOW.
BUT HOW DOES THAT SHOW IT'S ONE AND THE SAME TIARA?
NOW SENA'S MOTHER'S PICTURE WAS TAKEN OUTSIDE, IN BROAD SUNLIGHT WHICH MADE THE STONE TURN BLUE.
WHEN THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN, SAKURAI-KUN'S MOTHER WAS PROBABLY IN A ROOM LIT BY INCANDESCENT WHITE LIGHTS, SO THE STONE IS OF THE USUAL AMBER COLOR.

THE TWO FATHERS WHO HAD TAKEN THE PICTURES—
I HAVE DEDUCED THAT...
THAT'S THE THING...
MIGHT BE
THE SAME PERSON.
WHICH WOULD MAKE SENA AND SAKURAI-KUN
BROTHERS BY BLOOD

W...
WHAT?
Oh...
NO WAY
DON'T JOKE LIKE THAT! RATHER, FIND THE TIARA ALREADY!
SAKURAI-KUN, WHAT'S YOUR FATHER'S NAME?
MIKHAIL STEPANOVICH MALENKOV
AND SENA'S?
SAKURAI-KUN, DID YOUR PARENTS PERFORM THE WEDDING CEREMONY, BUT NOT FILL IN THE FAMILY REGISTER?
YUP.
MIKHAIL STEPANOVICH MALEN... KOV...

MALENKOV WAS A RUSSIAN DIPLOMAT,
HAD A WIFE BACK IN RUSSIA AND COULDN'T MARRY, RIGHT?
...THAT IS WHAT MAMA TOLD ME.
WHEN SENA WAS THREE YEARS OLD, HIS MOTHER DIED, AND MALENKOV HAD MADE ANOTHER WOMAN PREGNANT SOON AFTER...
YOUR AGE DIFFERENCE IS 4 YEARS, IS THAT RIGHT?
THAT'S TOTALLY BROTHERS WITH DIFFERENT MOTHERS!

NICE TO MEET YOU, BIG BRO!
I WAS THINKING I'D LIKE AN OLDER BROTHER, SO I'M REALLY MOVED
AND THE REAL DEAL'S THAT MANLY...
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT

I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA AND, ESPECIALLY,
NOT THIS SLOWPOKE...
OUR LIVES WERE GIVEN BY THE SAME FATHER AND THE SAME CIRCUM-STANCES.
HOW WOULD MY BROTHER HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE SUCH A CLUELESS OAF—
I WON'T HAVE THAT, WHATEVER.
SENA...
WHY, KAMUI-CHAN!

I WAS DUMB TO HAVE TRUSTED YOU AND TALKED ABOUT IT.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MENTIONED IT—

HEY... SENA, THAT'S AWFUL!
THEN WE'LL JUST SEE WHAT PAPA LOOKED LIKE
DON'T BOTHER.
I'LL GO FETCH A PICTURE.
WE'RE NOT RELATED! NEVER WERE, NEVER WILL BE!!
MIND THAT!!
SENA...
IT'S NO USE KNOWING WHAT THE TIARA'S LIKE BUT NOT WHERE IT IS
YOU'RE NO MORE USE IN THIS CASE.
EVEN MORE IF RUSSIAN MAFIA'S HAND'S IN IT—
I'LL FIND IT!
AND I'LL GET IT WHEN I HAVE!
SORRY, BUT NO!
MY MAMA GOT THAT FROM MY PAPA AS PROOF OF HIS LOVE!

MY MOTHER RECEIVED IT FIRST.
I SHOULD INHERIT IT
PAPA OWNED IT, AND HE GAVE IT TO MY MAMA...
GOOD FOR RUSSIANS, ALL BURNT-UP FOR THEIR RELATIVES
EXCEPT SENA'S PRETTY WEIRD ABOUT THAT.
KAMUI-CHAN?
SENA WON'T APPROACH OTHERS EASILY...
NOW, NOW...
I THINK IT JUST WON'T WORK.
FINDING SENA WITH INDIGO BLUE EYES A BROTHER WITH AMBER EYES IS A GOOD CHOICE INDEED!
THAT'S WHAT I CALL A BLUE AMBER SOLUTION!
YOU'RE GREAT, KAMUI-CHAN!
SEIRA-SAN, YOU LOOK BARELY SURPRISED...
WHY?
HMM...
SOMEHOW, YOUICHIROU JUST DIDN'T FEEL LIKE SOMEBODY NEW WHEN I MET HIM.
MUST HAVE BEEN BECAUSE HE'S SENA'S HALF BROTHER.

IT'S THE "SIXTH SENSE" I'M PRACTICING IT WITH AMBER RIGHT NOW.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT....
WHEN I MET SAKURAI-KUN I FELT HE WAS FAMILIAR, TOO.
THEY'RE VERY MUCH ALIKE.
YOU KNOW? WHEN YOU PUT AMBER BETWEEN YOUR EYEBROWS, YOU SUPPOSEDLY GAIN POWER CONTROL.
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S BLUE AMBER, SEE?
THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT.
SEIRA-SAN...!
IS THIS... THE TIARA WE'RE LOOKING FOR. !?

NO WAY...!
WHY'S IT HERE?
LOOK...
THE YELLOW INSTANTLY TURNED BLUE...!
Sakura

AWE-SOME ...!
GET OUT OF THE RUSSIAN MAFIA, SEIRA-SAN...
IT WAS JUST A RUSSIAN GUY WHO VISITED THE PAWN-BROKER, NEVER THOUGHT RUMORS LIKE THAT WOULD SPREAD...
SEIRA-SAN'S THE CULPRIT...
EXCUSE ME, BUT I DIDN'T STEAL. I JUST BOUGHT IT FROM THE PAWN-SHOP.
HAVING PLANNED IT THROUGH WITH A PAWN-BROKER YOU PERSONALLY KNEW?
HAVING BOUGHT IT WITH THIS BOY'S MONEY, EH?
OF COURSE
AND YOU'VE ADVISED HIM TO WRITE HIS MAMA, OUT ON A BUSINESS TRIP TO RUSSIA, TO ASK ABOUT SOLVING THE SITUATION?
OF COURSE
BECAUSE RUSSIAN POST IS THAT BAD.
YOU KNEW IT ALL. HEH..
THAT'S A KIND OF SWINDLING, SEIRA-SAN.
I JUST THOUGHT OF A NICE WAY TO GET SOMETHING I LIKE, CHEAP
THE TIARA JUST HAS TO RETURN INTO YOUICHIROU'S LAP, AND THE PROBLEM WILL BE GONE.
SOME WASTED EFFORT.
NOT EXACTLY.

WOW, YOU'RE DUMB
...
Hmm?
EH
FOR I'M THE CURRENT OWNER.
I'LL MAKE IT CHEAP
WOULD YOU BUY IT BACK, YOUICHIROU?
STOP CALLING YOUR BROTHER DUMB, ONII-CHAN
WELL, I'M NOT GONNA ACCEPT THAT YOU'RE MY BROTHER
ANYWAY, IT'S MY TIARA, I'LL HAVE IT.
YOU CAN'T, ONII-CHAN!
LOOK.
"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL,"
ISN'T IT?
...I'M NOT SURE, SEIRA-SAN.

SENA'S A DIFFICULT CHARACTER.
BUT I LOVE HIM.
MY FEELINGS KEEP SWINGING, LIKE BLUE AMBER'S COLORS
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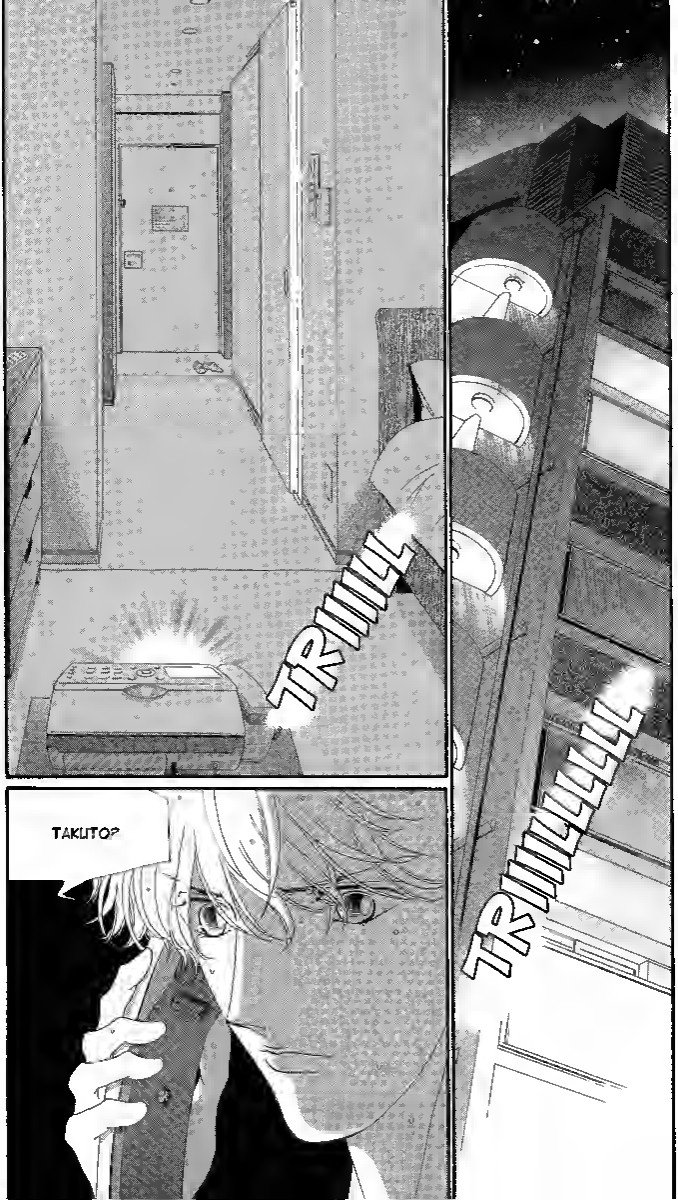
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TAKUTO?

I WANT IT BACK! YOU THIEF. GIVE IT BACK TO ME...
SLAM
RUSTLE
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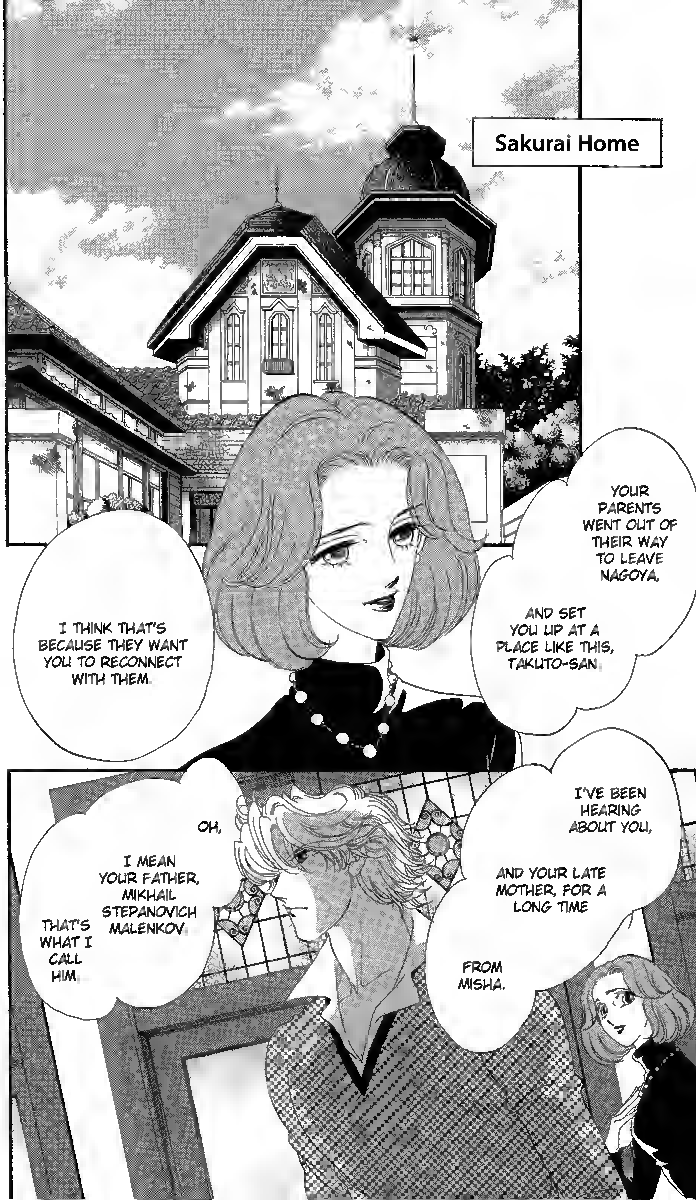
THIS IS UNUSUAL.
SHE CAN GET ANNOYING.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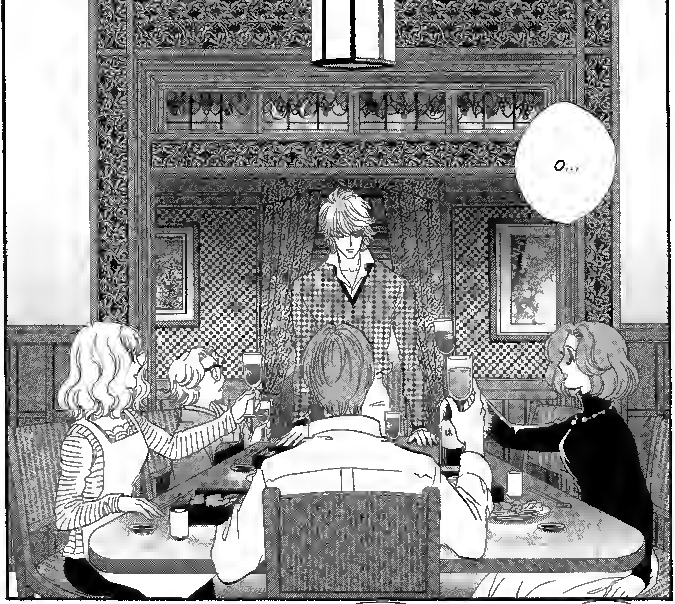
YOUR PARENTS WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO LEAVE NAGOYA.
AND SET YOU UP AT A PLACE LIKE THIS, TAKUTO-SAN.
I THINK THAT'S BECAUSE THEY WANT YOU TO RECONNECT WITH THEM.
I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT YOU,
AND YOUR LATE MOTHER, FOR A LONG TIME
FROM MISHA.
OH,
I MEAN YOUR FATHER, MIKHAIL STEPANOVICH MALENKOV.
THAT'S WHAT I CALL HIM.

I GOT SUSHI!
BECAUSE YOU SHARE A FATHER
YOU AND MY SON YOUICHIROU
HOPEFULLY YOU TWO WILL BE ON GOOD TERMS NOW, TAKUTO-SAN.
MAMA...
THAT'S WHY I'M REALLY GLAD TO MEET YOU NOW
MISHA WAS ALWAYS CONSIDERATE OF YOUR FEELINGS, AND NEVER LET ME MEET YOU
CHEERS...
WELL, TO LONG-LASTING TIES!
YES, PRETTY MUCH. I'M SEIRA.
A MAID?
AND WHO ARE YOU?
SHOULD I BRING YOU A LOWER CHAIR, GRANNY? YOUR FEET DON'T REACH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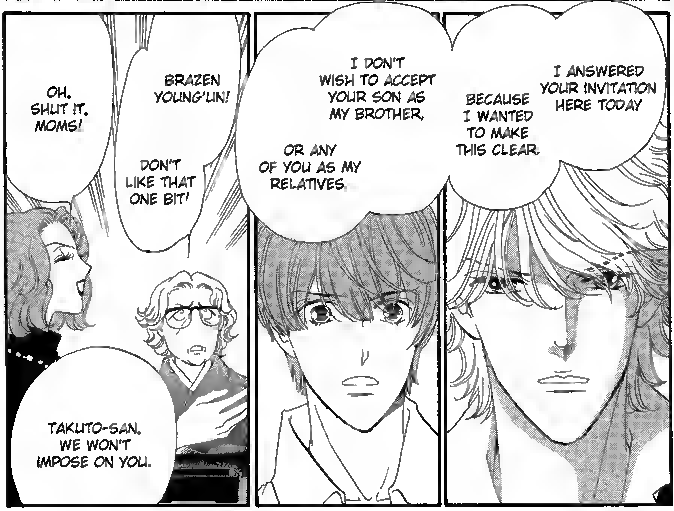
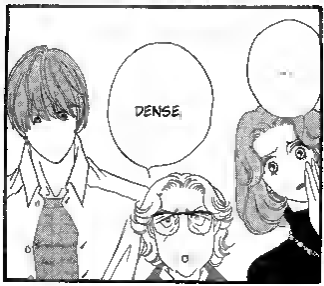

I ANSWERED YOUR INVITATION HERE TODAY
BECAUSE I WANTED TO MAKE THIS CLEAR.
I DON'T WISH TO ACCEPT YOUR SON AS MY BROTHER,
OR ANY OF YOU AS MY RELATIVES.
BRAZEN YOUNG'UN!
DON'T LIKE THAT ONE BIT!
OH, SHUT IT, MOMS!
TAKUTO-SAN, WE WON'T IMPOSE ON YOU.

"YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MENTIONED IT—"
"I WAS DUMB TO TRUST YOU AND SPEAK ABOUT IT."

LET'S TAKE OUR TIME ALL OF US.
WE'LL BE WAITING
OKAY, TAKUTO-SAN?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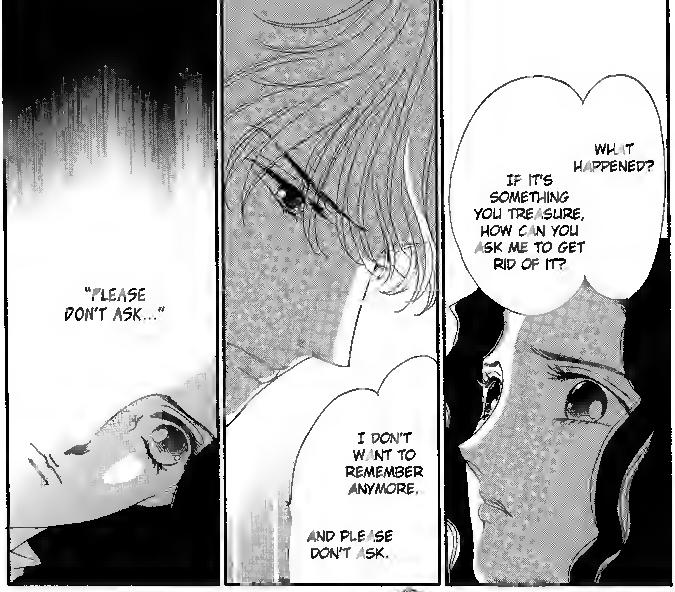
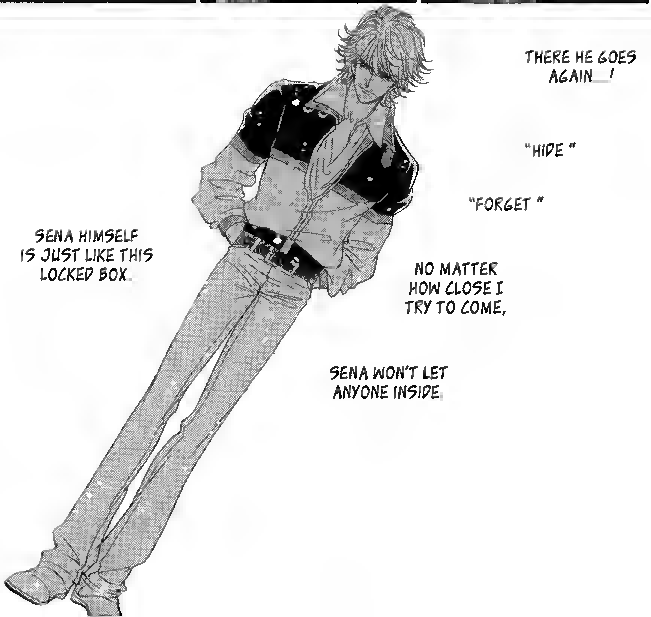
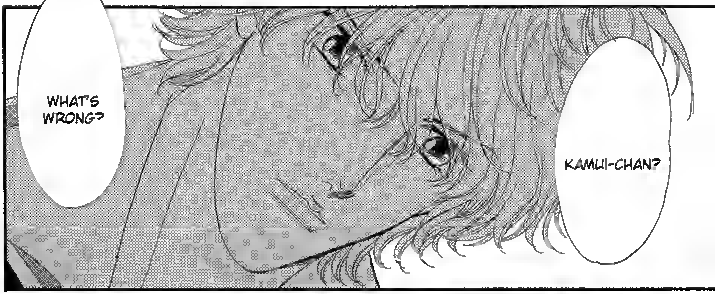
NY...
SENA LOST HIS FATHER AND MOTHER. HE THOUGHT HE WAS ALONE, AND I TOLD HIM HE HAD A HALF-BROTHER—
WHY WAS HE SO ANGRY ABOUT IT...?
MAYBE SENA DOESN'T WANT ANY FAMILY TIES
BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY THAT...

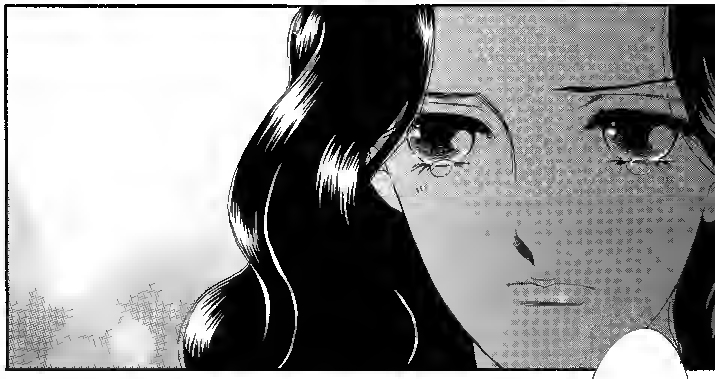
WHAT A SIGHT.
YOU ARE AT WORK, YOU KNOW.
SHOULD YOU BE SITTING LIKE THAT?
IT'S FINE.
THERE AREN'T ANY CUSTOMERS RIGHT NOW.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY
IT'S SO CALM IN HERE.
OLD NIPPON CURIOSITIES,
WESTERN ANTIQUITIES
ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THIS WORLD FOR LONGER THAN OUR PETTY HUMAN LIVES.
THEY LINGER ON, CARED FOR AND TREASURED, IN THEIR OWN UNTROUBLED TIME.

WHEN I'M REBORN LATER,
I'D LIKE TO BE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS
"LATER"?
HERE. COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS?
I'D LIKE YOU TO HIDE IT SOMEPLACE.
DON'T TELL ME OR ANYONE ELSE WHERE, AND FORGET ABOUT IT.
HIDE IT?
IT'S LOCKED?
DON'T ASK WHAT'S INSIDE
IT'S NOTHING OF VALUE.
JUST A MEMENTO OF THE OLD DAYS, FROM MY PARENTS


"PLEASE DON'T ASK..."
I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER ANYMORE.
AND PLEASE DON'T ASK.
WHAT HAPPENED?
IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU TREASURE, HOW CAN YOU ASK ME TO GET RID OF IT?


THERE HE GOES AGAIN...!
"HIDE"
"FORGET"
SENA HIMSELF IS JUST LIKE THIS LOCKED BOX.
NO MATTER HOW CLOSE I TRY TO COME,
SENA WON'T LET ANYONE INSIDE.





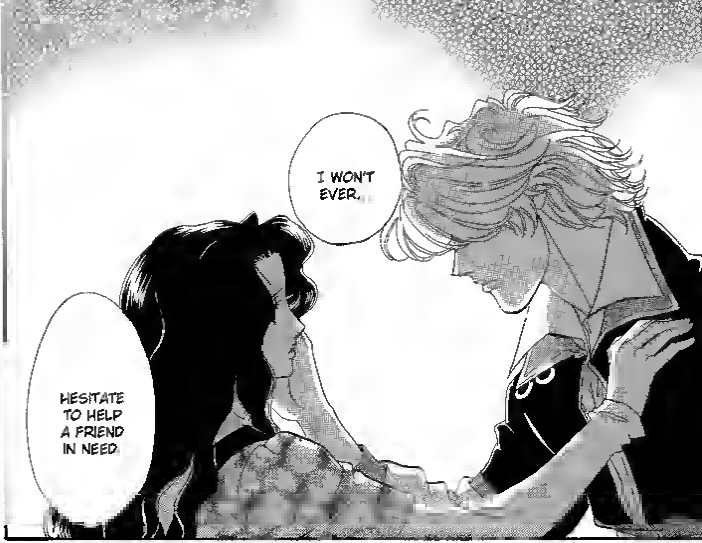
NO MATTER HOW I FEEL TOWARDS YOU, SENA .

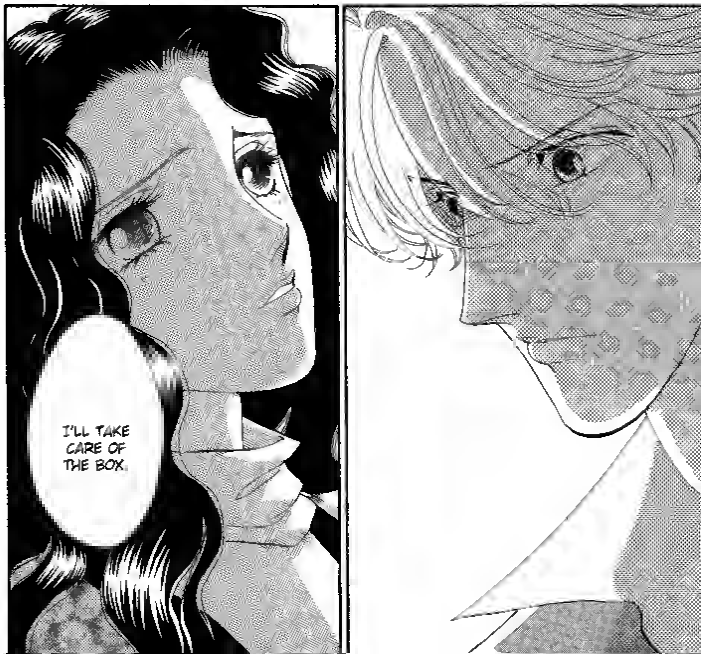
EVEN IF WE MAKE THIS RELATIONSHIP WORK,

NO MATTER WHAT I DO, YOU'LL NEVER OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME

THAT MAY NEVER CHANGE.

KAMUI-CHAN,
YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON I CAN TRUST.
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU
YOU ARE DEAR TO ME, KAMUI-CHAN.
ONE THING HE'LL NEVER GIVE ME IS HIS LOVE
WHAT'S WRONG?
SENA
ALL RIGHT, I WON'T ASK.
I'LL JUST HIDE THIS SOMEPLACE AND FORGET ABOUT IT.


I WON'T EVER...
HESITATE TO HELP A FRIEND IN NEED.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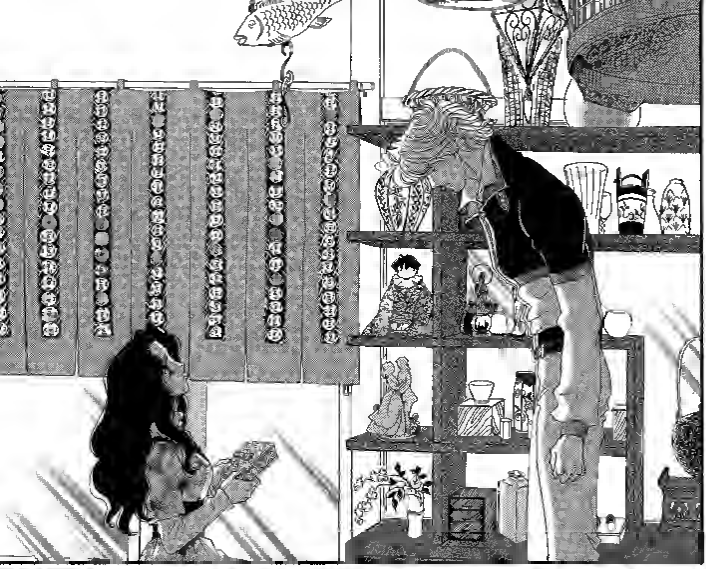

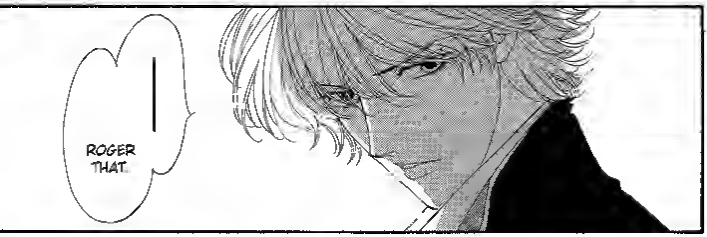
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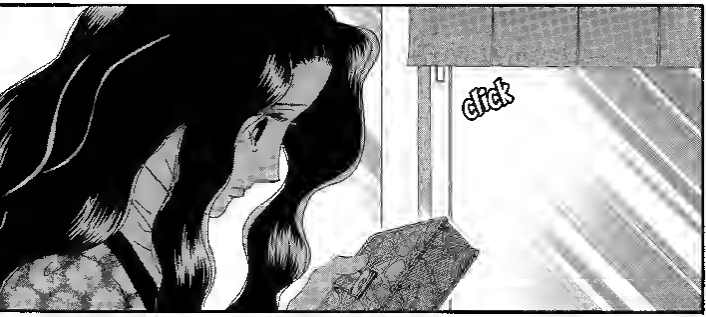
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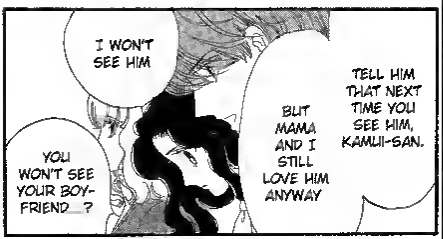
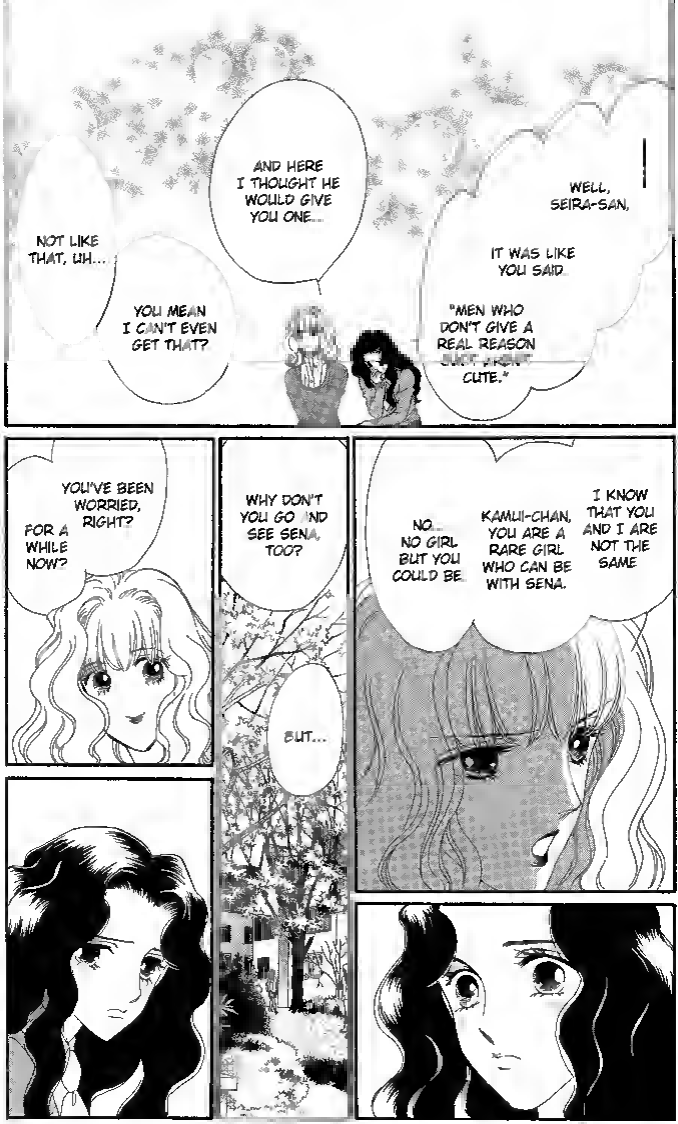
GRANNY WAS SO ANGRY, MAMA WAS TRYING TO CALM HER DOWN ALL THE WAY BACK TO NAGOYA
AND THEN,
THAT'S ONE HELL OF A BROTHER, IF YOU ASK ME

THIS IS GOODBYE, SENA !!


I WON'T SEE HIM
TELL HIM THAT NEXT TIME YOU SEE HIM, KAMUI-SAN.
BUT MAMA AND I STILL LOVE HIM ANYWAY
YOU WON'T SEE YOUR BOY-FRIEND...?

NO WAY!
NOT ANYMORE
JUST "FRIEND" NOW
REALLY.

THAT'S NOT VERY CHEERING.
THANKS...
BUT CHEER UP!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU TWO WERE A GOOD MATCH ANYWAY.
OH, I NEVER THOUGHT
IS HE EVEN ON CAMPUS?
MAYBE WE SHOULD GO FIND HIM.
SENA HAS A MEETING?
PLEASE REPORT TO STUDENT AFFAIRS FOR A MEETING.
SENA TAKUTO-SAN...
ARE YOU REALLY JUST FRIENDS NOW?
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED AGAIN...?
I'LL GO CHECK.
BRO DOESN'T ANSWER MY CALLS.
HE DOESN'T EVEN GO TO CLASS ANYMORE I'M WORRIED.
EH...?
KAMUI-CHAN,
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU, WHEN YOU SAY THAT.


AND HERE I THOUGHT HE WOULD GIVE YOU ONE...
WELL, SEIRA-SAN,
IT WAS LIKE YOU SAID.
"MEN WHO DON'T GIVE A REAL REASON [illegible] CUTE."
NOT LIKE THAT, UH...
YOU MEAN I CAN'T EVEN GET THAT?
YOU'VE BEEN WORRIED, RIGHT?
FOR A WHILE NOW?
WHY DON'T YOU GO AND SEE SENA, TOO?
BUT...
I KNOW THAT YOU AND I ARE NOT THE SAME
KAMUI-CHAN, YOU ARE A RARE GIRL WHO CAN BE WITH SENA.
NO... NO GIRL BUT YOU COULD BE.

Student Affairs
WHERE'S SENA?
LOOKS LIKE BRO ISN'T HERE EITHER.
SHE'S WAITING, SO... MAYBE
THAT PERSON?
WHO WANTED TO MEET HIM?
SHE LOOKS RUSSIAN.
Beep
OH CRAP, SHE'S LOOKING THIS WAY
EH... SHE'S COMING OVER?

Takuto...!!
Uh, WAIT UP...
TUG
...!!
TUG
TUG
NO, I'M...
KAMUI-SAN, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT SHE'S SAYING!
WOW, YOU SPEAK RUSSIAN!
WELL, MY PAPA WAS RUSSIAN
AND MAMA WORKED AS A TRANSLATOR

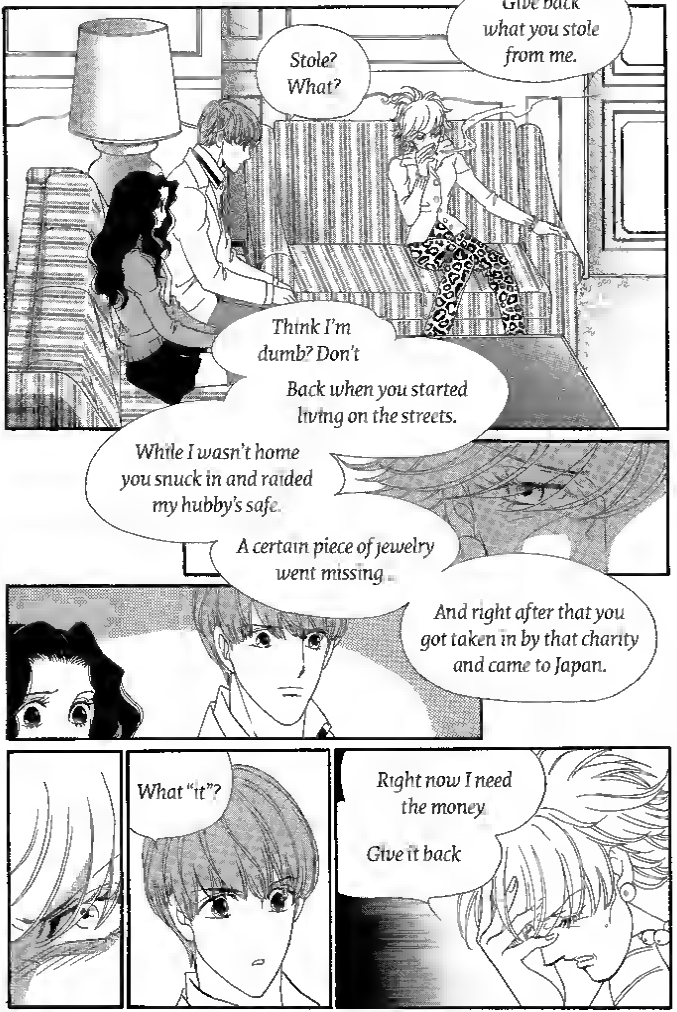
SHE SAYS—
SHE'S MARIYA, PAPA'S MOST RECENT WIFE.
HUH...?
THAT—
"HE COULDN'T DIVORCE HIS RUSSIAN WIFE, WHICH WAS FOR HIS SELF-PROTECTION."
"HIM BEING A BRASS OFFICIAL DURING HIS ARRANGED MARRIAGE."
"SAID THAT SHE'D LET ME KEEP DOING BALLET."
"BUT FOR THAT I HAD TO RELINQUISH ALL MY RIGHTS AS MY FATHER'S SON..."
"I QUIT SCHOOL."
"I WAS A WRECK, JUST WANDERING AROUND THE CITY ALONE..."

WHY?
ISN'T SHE WAITING FOR SENA?
WELL, SHE THINKS I'M HIM AND WON'T BELIEVE OTHERWISE
SHE SAYS TO COME WITH HER.
WHAT IS SHE SAYING?
THE WOMAN BEHIND SENA'S HORRID PAST—
HE NEVER SAYS A THING ABOUT HIMSELF, AFTER ALL.
STILL,
IT'S A CHANCE TO LEARN NEW THINGS ABOUT BRO, SO I'LL GO WITH HER.
Takuto!
MORE LIKE MY STEP-MOTHER
WAIT—
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GO WITH A STRANGER?
SHE'S DANGEROUS. DON'T!

NO, DON'T!
YOU MUSTN'T!!

SHE DOESN'T LOOK VERY SORRY
SOUNDS LIKE SHE GAVE HIM A HARD TIME.
SHE'S ASKING FORGIVENESS FOR THE THINGS SHE DID TO BRO IN THE OLD DAYS.
GLANCE
Is she your girlfriend, Takuto?
Let's go talk in my room.
WELL...
SAKURAI-KUN!

Friend
YES
OH WAIT, YOU TWO ARE FIGHTING NOW, HUH?
THEN...
JUST A FRIEND!
THIS ROOM'S PRETTY...
I want it back, you know


Give back what you stole from me.
Stole? What?
Think I'm dumb? Don't
Back when you started living on the streets.
While I wasn't home you snuck in and raided my hubby's safe.
A certain piece of jewelry went missing.
And right after that you got taken in by that charity and came to Japan.
What "it"?
Right now I need the money
Give it back

Give it back now!!
Relinquish your rights as his son and give it all back to me!
"COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS?"
I CAN ONLY PICK OUT WORDS LIKE "VALUABLE" AND "GIVE"...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW RUSSIAN.
COULD IT BE THAT BOX?
"A MEMENTO OF THE OLD DAYS, FROM MY PARENTS."
YEAH...
SHE'S ACCUSING BRO OF STEALING JEWELRY.
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW
YOU'D BETTER CONVINCE HER YOU'RE NOT SENA
LET'S GO.
WHAT A SUDDEN CHANGE...
...!

I'm very sorry!
I'm not Takuto. I'm his half-brother!!
hwoo
We have the same father, but I'm Sakurai Youichirou!!
I'm not fluent in Russian,
so I must have misspoken.
Liar! You are Takuto.
Trying to run again, huh?
BYE!
Sorry! It might sound like a lie,
but I really don't know.

TINK
Dmitriy!!

Like I said, I'm
You can tell for sure if he's really Takuto or not
Sweep

That's what I've been saying!
WHO... IS THIS MAN?
This isn't Takuto
I see. Makes sense that he would look like Takuto when he was younger.
There should be a birthmark here
Half-brother...!?
Now
Won't you call your half-brother here for us?
Just as well, Mariya We can use him

SENA!
Student Affairs
AH...
IT WAS A MIDDLE-AGED RUSSIAN WOMAN, MALENKOVA
SHE DIDN'T KNOW ANY JAPANESE,
SO I HAD TO BORROW A STUDENT LEARNING RUSSIAN TO TRANSLATE
I WAS CALLED FOR A MEETING?
SEIRA-SAN
JUST CAME?
YOU DIDN'T GO TO YOUR MEETING?
WHAT?
JUST CAME TO PICK UP SOME PAPERS.

"MALENKOVA," YOU SAY?
DAD'S MOST RECENT WIFE
SHE'S BEEN HARASSING ME OVER THE PHONE, BUT I IGNORED HER.
SO SHE CAME HERE...
DON'T WORRY, THEY'RE BOTH ADULTS...
AT LEAST ONE OF THEM IS A TOTAL CHILD!
SENA?
KAMUI ISN'T ANSWERING HER PHONE..
SHE MUST HAVE TAKEN THEM SOMEWHERE!
TAKEN THEM?
AND THAT WOMAN IS A COLD-BLOODED PITILESS DEVIL!
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT SHE'S PLOTTING!

It's like he disappeared. He doesn't even go to class
I don't know his current address
And he hasn't been answering my calls...
Friend
She's just a friend
Maybe the girl knows?
What now? Without Takuto, there's no point...

If they go missing for a few days, Takuto will take notice
And then... Either he cares enough for them to take action, or not
Then he'll call
"A few days"?
Have you told Takuto about this hotel?
Yes, on his answering machine
He's here!
DRRRR
!

BLAM

BROTHER!

YOU!
IDIOT!
WHO JUST GOES INTO A LOCKED ROOM WITH A STRANGER!?
Slap
Gospozha Mariya.
Oh... It's really you, Takuto.
My respects.
He hit me
elere
YOU TOO, KAMUI-CHAN.

You're going this far to get back father's jewelry?
It's rightfully mine.
I've missed you! You've grown so big!
Must've been hard!
I was thirteen when you told me to relinquish my rights as my father's son
I was just a frightened child.
I've resented it ever since.
So I took a memento The jewelry box Father gave to my mother.

That's my last link to my parents!
Father must have thought the same.
It was even in his will!
EVEN IN RUSSIAN,
SENA'S ANGER STILL SHOWS THROUGH.
But . I'm in trouble!
Didn't you get all the rest of Father's fortune?
It's been ten years! It's all gone!
After the Soviet Union dissolved, the vipers took it!
WHAT HAVE YOU TOLD HER?
OH. .?
JUST THAT I'M YOUR HALF-BROTHER AND KAMUI-CHAN IS A FRIEND.
AHA...
I have a job, so I have some money
If it's only money you need, I'll help you out. Just this once, mind you.
Oh...
Sure, yes!

You'll really give me money...?
I will! We'll talk about it in private.
Let these two leave. They aren't involved.
Right?
Right!
RIGHT
DON'T YOU STAY LONG EITHER, SENA.
DON'T WAIT FOR ME. JUST LEAVE THIS HOTEL,
OKAY?
Stop

You haven't spoken with me yet,
Takuto Sena.

You were sixteen when it all began
That makes it seven, eight years?
You've grown a lot.
I'm glad to see you're such a pretty lad now
SENA?

Ahem
!
I'd like to have a dinner with you after all this time.

I really don't give a damn about the business with the jewelry
whisper
I was just using her to get close to you.
My real goal is a different one.
You know what it is

I know.
Let's talk, just the two of us.
These two don't need to be here.
HURRY UP AND GO ALREADY.
WILL YOU BE OKAY?
SENA, WHO IS HE?
HE'S A BIGWIG IN THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT
AND AN OLD FRIEND OF MY DAD'S
SO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
DMITRIY ZAKHAROV...
USED TO TAKE CARE OF ME AFTER DAD'S DEATH.
BACK WHEN SENA LIVED ON THE STREETS...

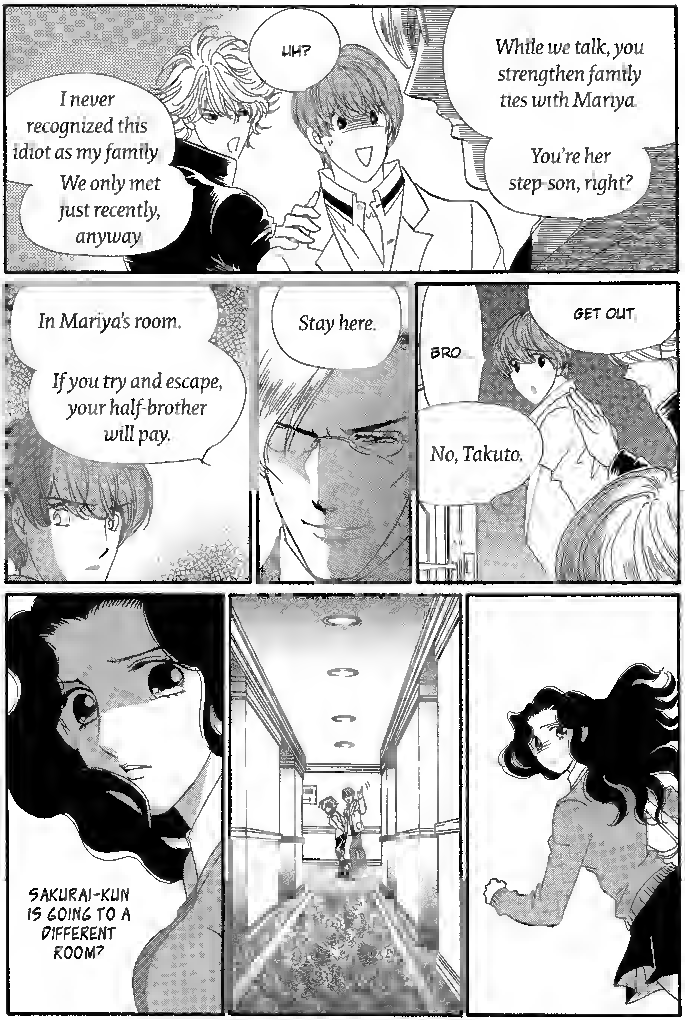
"ALONE FOR THREE WHOLE YEARS. WHAT WERE YOU EATING?"
"WHATEVER I COULD STEAL, OR I WOULD DANCE AND EARN SOME CASH..."
"ANYTHING WOULD GO, THAT GAVE ME MONEY."
"I'VE EVEN DONE TH..T...AWFUL THING THAT YOU MIGHT BE IMAGINING NOW."
"HE USED TO TAKE CARE OF ME."

IS IT... LIKE THAT?
SENA...!!
Takuto,
Shut her up
I know just enough Japanese to eavesdrop. Sorry about that.

KAMUI-CHAN...
NOTHING HAPPENED HERE...
JUST GO HOME AND DON'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT THIS...
WE'RE JUST GOING TO WRITE AN END TO AN OLD STORY
IT'S MY PROBLEM
YOU KNOW...
I'LL ALWAYS BE YOURS, KAMUI-CHAN.

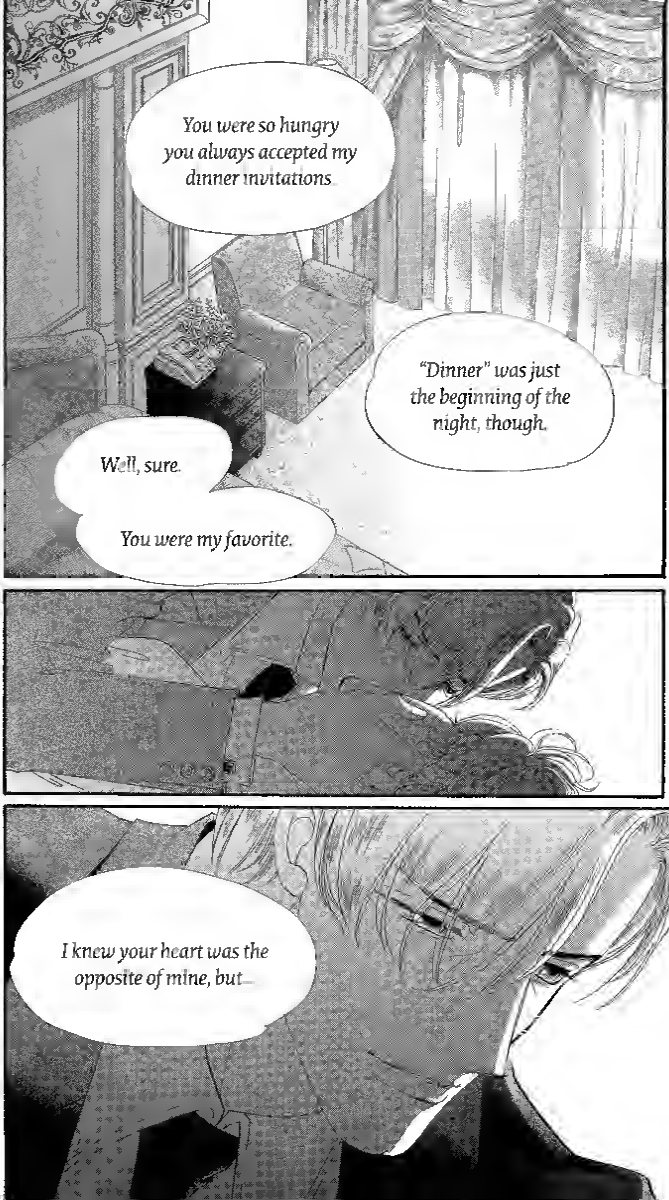
MY MEMORIES ARE YOURS FOREVER.
PLEASE DON'T GIVE THEM AWAY.
YOU ALONE CAN LOOK INTO MY HEART.
OKAY? TRUST ME.
SENA?
WHAT WAS THAT?

QUIET AND PLEASE UNDERSTAND.
I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE
You stay for now
NOW GO


UH?
While we talk, you strengthen family ties with Mariya.
You're her step-son, right?
I never recognized this idiot as my family.
We only met just recently, anyway.
In Mariya's room.
If you try and escape, your half-brother will pay.
Stay here.
GET OUT
BRO
No, Takuto.
SAKURAI-KUN IS GOING TO A DIFFERENT ROOM?

Takuto...

That innocent girl...
Does she know you sold yourself for food?
It pains me to see how low my friend's son has fallen...


You were so hungry you always accepted my dinner invitations.
"Dinner" was just the beginning of the night, though.
Well, sure.
You were my favorite.
I knew your heart was the opposite of mine, but—

I never thought it'd go so far as for you to wish me dead
CHAS
Give it back now!
I know you've got it and you've hidden it

My father drowned his sorrows in alcohol.
I thought it was because he was weak.
But later, people told me there were other reasons.
That his friend had betrayed him.
You, his best friend.
Where'd you hide it? Spit it out!
Or I'll kill you!
You wanted to take his career,
so you set him on his self destructive path.

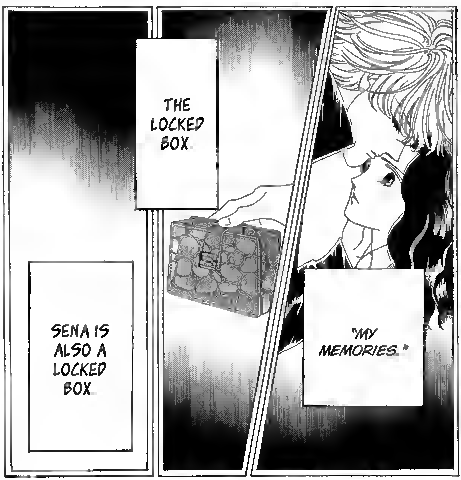
I decided I'd have my revenge on you.

WHY DID SENA SAY THAT?

"I'LL ALWAYS BE YOURS, KAMUI-CHAN."

"MY MEMORIES."

"PLEASE DON'T GIVE THEM AWAY."



DON'T GIVE IT TO DMITRIY ZAKHAROV
NEVER GIVE THAT BOX TO HIM...
YOU ALONE OPEN THAT BOX, PLEASE

WAS THAT WHAT HE MEANT?
JUST WHAT IS INSIDE THAT BOX?
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY ASKING OF ME, SENA...!?

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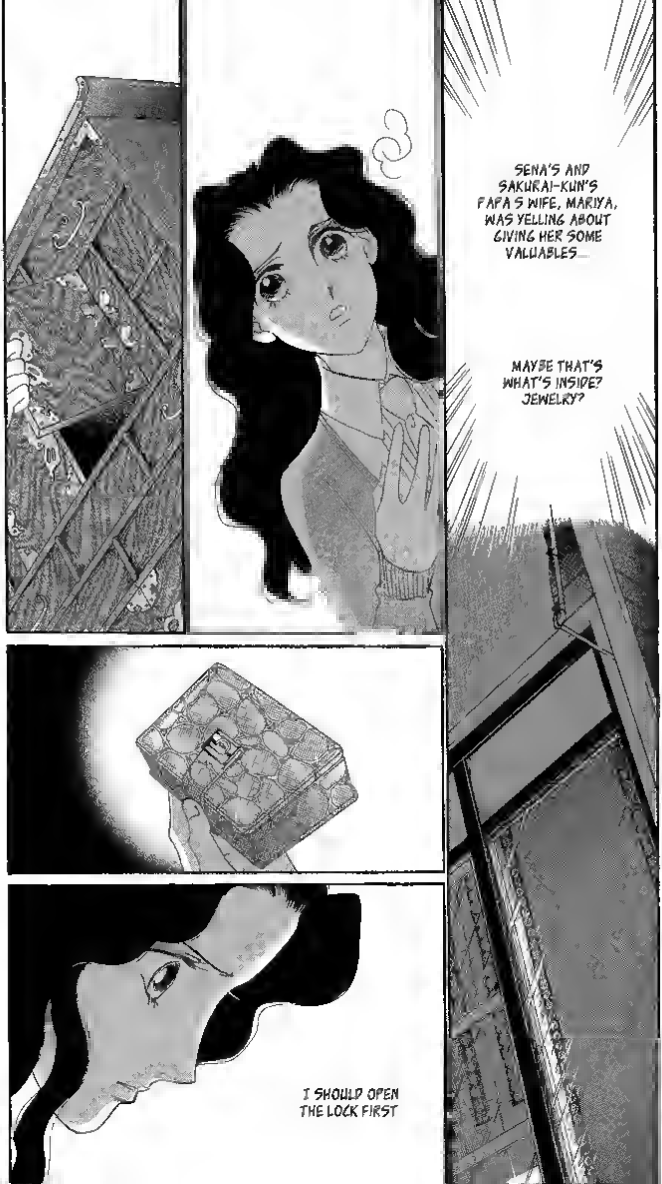
I SAW SENA AS AS THOUGH FOR THE FIRST TIME
LIKE A MAN ON THE EDGE OF DESPAIR HAVING A FINAL MOMENT OF CLARITY...
HE PLEADED FOR HELP
I HAVE TO OPEN THE BOX HE LEFT IN MY CARE...
THAT BOX THAT DMITRIY ZAKHAKOV MUST NEVER HAVE...


SENA'S AND SAKURAI-KUN'S PAPA'S WIFE, MARIYA, WAS YELLING ABOUT GIVING HER SOME VALUABLES...
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT'S INSIDE? JEWELRY?
I SHOULD OPEN THE LOCK FIRST

MASTER KEYS, EVEN GRANDMASTER KEYS...
DIDN'T WORK
None of the master keys worked...
SO SMALL AND SIMPLE, WHY WOULD YOU REQUIRE A SPECIAL KEY, YOU THING!
WELL. I'M SORRY,
BUT I'M IN A HURRY.
I'LL JUST...
a scissor's
SNIP
A RING...
WITH A CLOVER...?

KNOCK KNOCK
IT'S SEIRA.
KAMUI-CHAN, ARE YOU BACK YET?
WITH YOUICHIROU'S MOTHER SHE'S BACK FROM NAGOYA.
YOUICHIROU HASN'T COME HOME YET. WE'D LIKE TO KNOW AT LEAST SOMETHING.
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM MY SON.
UM... YOU'RE A SOPHOMORE, LIKE HIM?
I AM.
IS YOUICHIROU STILL WITH MARIYA MALENKOVA? WHAT ABOUT SENA?
HEAR ME OUT...
LOCKED UP!?
IS THIS...
THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM?

MY MISHA'S BEST FRIEND. I TRANSLATED FOR HIM AS WELL.
HE'S RAISED HIMSELF UP FROM STARVING STUDENT TO TOP POLITICAN HE HAS POWERFUL CONNECTIONS
YES, THIS COULD BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT—
"DMITRIY..."
THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE SOLVED SO EASILY.
A CERTAIN RUSSIAN, DMITRIY ZAKHAROV, IS INVOLVED
IT SEEMS HE KNOWS SENA'S WEAK POINT
WAIT, PLEASE, CALM DOWN!
THE NERVE OF THAT WOMAN! HOW MANY OF MY BAD TIMES HAVE BEEN HER FAULT?
I'M GOING TO THE POLICE!
WORN, YES, BUT THE STONES ARE HIGH QUALITY.
I DON'T THINK THIS WOULD BE WORTH MORE THAN TWO MILLION YEN.
THIS LOOKS LIKE A ROMANOV RING, BUT IT'S CLEARLY JUST A REPLICA.
IT'S A PAIR OF RIGHTS.
HE AND MARIYA ARE BOTH AFTER THIS RING.
IS IT WORTH THAT MUCH?
!
THAT RING—

IF WE PUT THESE RINGS ON TOP OF MINE...
SEB!!
LOOK.
THIS IS THE RING MISHA GAVE ME
SO THAT'S ITS COMPLETE SHAPE!
IT'S A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER!!
SO IT'S A TRIO OF RINGS...
AHH... I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST...
THAT'S WHY I WONDER...
THAT'S CUTE!! BUT NOT WORTH ALL THAT MUCH...
I THINK THE COMPLETE SET WOULD BE WORTH THREE MILLION YEN.
THEN GAVE ONE RING TO TAKUTO-SAN'S MOTHER.
MISHA HAD THE ROMANOVS' JEWELRY COPIED.

SENA GAVE HIMSELF OVER TO THAT MAN!
TO PROTECT THESE RINGS... WHY?
So that little girl was your lover, Takuto?
You gave everything you held precious to her care?
Not really
So naive
Think you'll fool me so easily?

I let her go on purpose, you know.
Because she's bound to come back here with the thing.
If she really does love you, she'll do it to save you.
Much quicker than trying to extract it from your stubborn self.
She should be at home looking at what's inside it by now.
Tell her to bring it here
What's her phone number?
Should be in the memory, right?
I dunno
Don't you ever tire of that attitude...? Well, then...

You leave me no choice.
!
Gulp
MF...
...OOF...
...

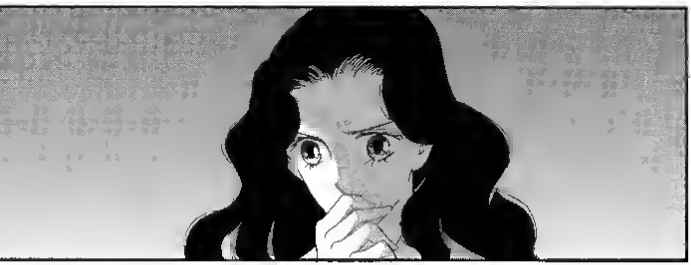
COUGH
COUGH
...BLAH.
IT'S SENA'S RINGTONE!
!
SENA?
You should understand simple English
Have you looked inside the box Sena gave you?

What was inside?
Dmitriy Zakharov?
SENA... HAVE YOU TOLD HIM?
...A ring. A three-leaf clover.
Anything else?
Nothing else.
HOW MUCH DOES DMITRIY KNOW?
I see. Bring it to the hotel.
And the cigarette case, okay?
I will come.
But let me hear Sena's voice.
THIS IS A CIGARETTE CASE?
"CIGARETTE CASE"?
SOMETHING DOESN'T FIT...

Hi
I LOVE YOU, KAMUI-CHAN
Takuto.
DON'T YOU CO ..
SE.
SENA'S VOICE...
WAS SLURRED.

What did you make me drink?
Just some sake and a mild drug to make you feel good
I don't believe you
Drink more
What, can't move? You should be feeling drunk now
Feeling jolly and wild, forgetting what you've done
You killed Papa.
You made it look like alcohol poisoning
Swapping fantasy and reality
I hate your guts
I once lived just on the hope that one day I would be good enough to get my revenge on you

I'm honored to hear that
After all, seldom do feelings for another ever last so long in this world



THE "CIGARETTE CASE," AS HE CALLED IT
HE'S MORE INTERESTED IN THIS BOX

MEANING
DMITRIY EITHER DOESN'T KNOW OR CARE ABOUT THIS RING

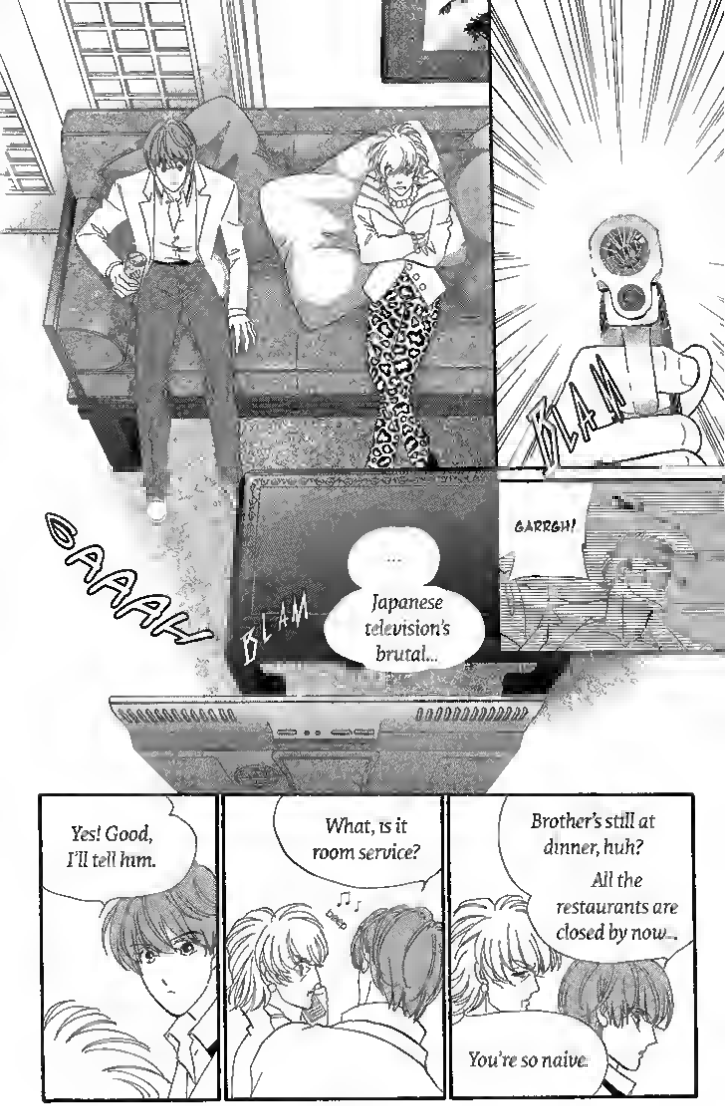
IT'S REALLY A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER
YET I TOLD DMITRIY "THREE-LEAF" AND HE DIDN'T EVEN PAUSE

SEIRA-SAN!
THIS CASE...
IT HAS A FALSE BOTTOM WITH A NOTEBOOK INSIDE.
D
THE INITIAL D... DMITRIY"?
IS THIS HIS CIGARETTE CASE?
WHY WOULD THIS MEAN MORE TO HIM THAN A SET OF RINGS WORTH THREE MILLION YEN?
THERE'S SOMETHING IN HERE...?
A HIDDEN LATCH?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
IT'S IN RUSSIAN
I THINK IT'S DMITRIY'S WRITING!
WHAT'S WRITTEN HERE?
TELL ME

WOW..
THIS IS...
A LIST OF CLIENTS...
AND MALE PROSTITUTES
AGES AND PROFILES OF BOYS SOLD...
IT EVEN LISTS THE DATES AND LOCATIONS
A CLIENT LIST!?
IT'S HARD PROOF THAT DMITRIY'S BEEN THE HEAD OF A PROSTITUTION RING!
WHAT!! ISN'T YOLICHIROU AT HIS PLACE?
A PIMP!?
WOW THE CLIENTS EVEN INCLUDE POLITICIANS AND CELEBRITIES
I'M SHOCKED... EVEN THAT ACTOR?

IF THIS GOES PUBLIC, RUSSIA'S IN FOR A MAJOR SCANDAL
OF COURSE HE KNEW SECRETS ABOUT SO MANY POWERFUL PEOPLE!
SO THAT'S THE SECRET BEHIND DMITRY'S INSANELY FAST RISE TO POWER
SENA. .
ESPECIALLY NOW.
DMITRIY IS A FAVORITE AS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT IN THE UPCOMING RUSSIAN ELECTION.
HIS OPPONENTS WILL BE LOOKING FOR ANY SCANDALS IN HIS PAST. THIS WOULD RUIN HIM
WHAT WAS SENA GOING TO DO WITH IT?
HE COULD MAKE A FORTUNE IF HE SOLD THIS TO THE MEDIA, BUT..
HE HAD SOMETHING SO DANGEROUS
WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING, FAST
WE SHOULD RETURN THIS TO DMITRIY,
OR ELSE SENA

I'LL GO TO THE HOTEL.
WHAT!... KAMUI-CHAN, WAIT!
HE MIGHT GET KILLED...
I'LL GO. EVEN IF I MAY NOT RETURN.
I DOUBT HE'LL JUST LET YOU BOTH GO AFTER YOU GIVE IT BACK
THIS IS REALLY DANGEROUS.
LET'S CALL THE POLICE! NOW!
THAT WON'T DO... IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO THEM...
...AND SENA DOESN'T HAVE TIME.
...KAMUI-CHAN.


BLAM
GARRGH!
...
Japanese television's brutal...
BLAM
AAAH
Yes! Good, I'll tell him.
What, is it room service?
Brother's still at dinner, huh?
All the restaurants are closed by now...
You're so naive.

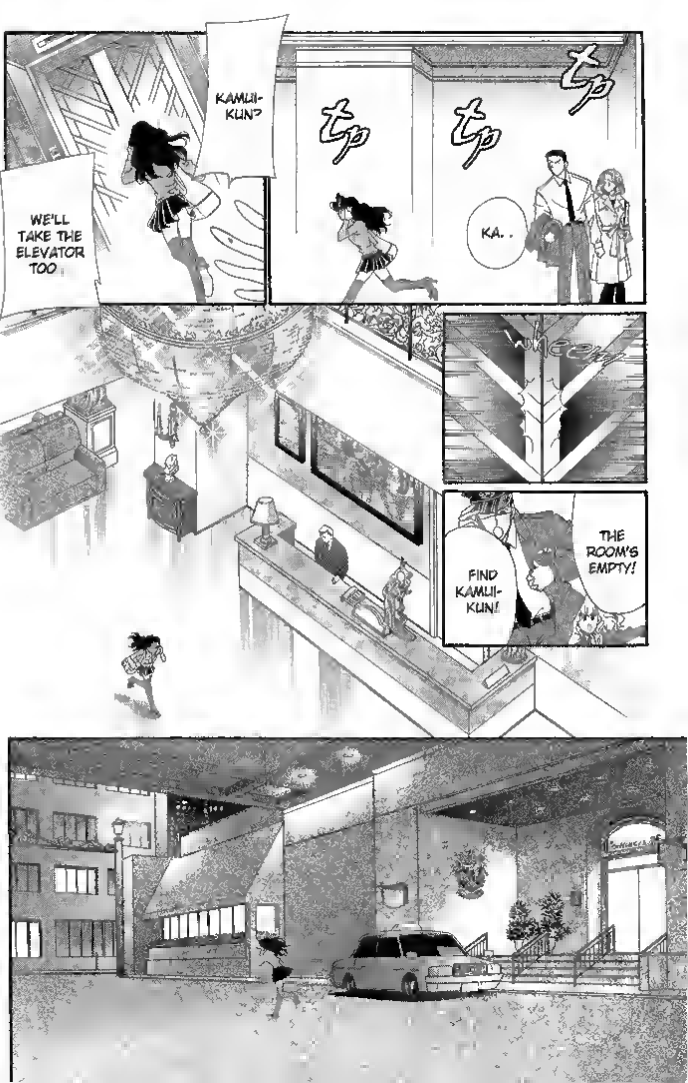
Oh... I mean, Auntie Mariya.
You're really strange.
I want to go home with my bro. Can I wait for him here?
What was that? My Russian isn't so good, Mama.
Mama?
Get out
Dmitriy says you're free to go.
Why?
I think he has the situation handled.
Wonder whether Dmitriy would agree—
You see, although both this room and the one Dmitriy's in are reserved under my name,
he's the one who paid for everything.
Probably on political business for somebody in the Russian government?
He's coming incognito, even, with a false ID, to avoid a scandal.
Isn't it dangerous for you, Mama Mariya?
How?
Why are you so close?
Is he someone you trust?
Well.
Why is he in Japan?

What if things get out of hand?
Wouldn't he blame everything on you?
Because of your difficult relationship with Bro and your money problems don't you think?
"MY GRANNY DIED, LET ME GO TO THE VIGIL!"
Shh.
IT'S MIDNIGHT. WE NEED TO BE QUIET.
GET IN THE HOTEL WITHOUT MAKING A BIG FUSS
DRAWS TOO MUCH ATTENTION
WHAT CAN I DO? I'M WEARING THIS UNIFORM, TOO.
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID, SO I TOOK HIS SHIFT SO HE COULD GO.

I'll take this jacket off!
HIS UNCLE IS A BIG PERSON IN THE POLICE, SO I THOUGHT WE'D NEED HIM
HOW DISAP-POINTING
IS HE ANY HELP?
MY NAME IS SUMI
OH, YOU'RE A POLICEMAN?
I'M IN TRAINING TO JOIN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE
SUMI-KUN, THANK YOU FOR COMING
WHOOSH
Um
What if you're wrong?
fssssh
KNOWING THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS, I KNOW MY UNCLE WOULD TAKE QUICK ACTION!
REST ASSURED!
SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU
I'M FINE NOW
GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE YOUR USUAL SELF, KAMUI-KUN
HERE, I DID JUST AS YOU ASKED
I WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR YOU CRYING OVER THE PHONE
WELL, I'LL GO TO DMITRIY'S ROOM.
WHAT? WHY THIS RING?
THIS IS YOURS!
KAMUI-SAN, WEAR THIS

...
Dmitriy Zakharov ..?
"MAY IT CHANGE YOUR LUCK"
SENA?
NOBODY'S HERE?
WHY?

Dmitriy Zakharov?
SENA'S RINGTONE AGAIN
SENA
WHAT HAS HE DONE TO YOU HERE?
I have the box Where is Sena? I want to talk to him.
Do as I tell you.
Don't hang up Leave the hotel alone.
Don't say anything.
..KAMUI-KUN?
KAMUI-CHAN, YOU'RE BACK!


KAMUI-KUN?
WE'LL TAKE THE ELEVATOR TOO!
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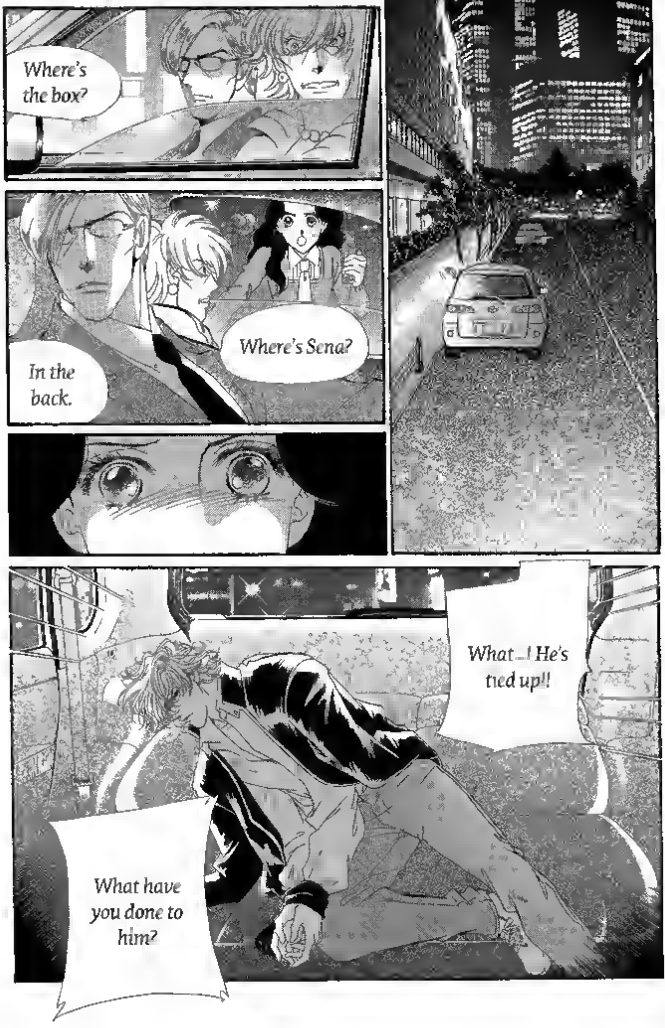
KA..
whoosh
THE ROOM'S EMPTY!
FIND KAMUI-KUN!


Where's the box?
Where's Sena?
In the back.
What...! He's tied up!!
What have you done to him?

I won't make the trade here. I saw a policeman at the hotel.
I told her not to talk
Dmitriy wouldn't help. I had to carry him the whole way
She doesn't know Russian
Is the ring in that box?
She's crying...
Well, during dinner he got drunk and aggressive.
Maybe he has a problem with alcohol like his father did?
How am I supposed to get back to Russia?
Dmitriy!
KAMUI-CHAN, DON'T GOOOO!!
Hey! Don't forget about the ring!
Vroom
See you back in Russia! I'll give it to you then
Get out and take care of the rest.
Let her sit in the front.
Wait up...! What do you mean, "take care"?
Well... You're coming on a picnic with Takuto and me

VROOOM
SENA!!
IS IT MORE THAN JUST ALCOHOL?
SENA! WAKE UP!
THIS IS STRANGE.
SENA...
空港
AIRPORT
東道
EXPAY
3km
北 成田
North Narita
CT. 1.5km
成田 3.5km
WHO KNOWS WHAT DMITRIY COULD'VE DONE...

IS HE PURPOSELY CHOOSING A REMOTE LOCATION?
I THOUGHT HE WAS HEADED FOR THE AIRPORT,
BUT HE'S TAKING THIS SIDE ROAD.
WHY?
WHEEEN

Take out the cigarette case
Now.
GULP
GRIP
Completely worthless.
CLICK

THAT MEANS A LOT TO SENA!
This is what I was after.

HE'S BURNING IT!?
GRAB
WHAT?
UGH...!!

AGH...
CHOMP
BOOF
SENA!!

whip
!

GRAB
!
KAMUI-CHAN, OUT OF THE CAR!
You're the monster here!
You overcame the drug? Are you a monster!?
But you made a mistake this time.
You tried the same trick twice.
You made Papa's death look like alcohol poisoning. I researched and thought of how you might have done it.
DID HE SAY THAT DMITRIY KILLED HIS PAPA?

When you tried to give me the drug by kissing me,
I pretended to swallow it, but I hid it under my tongue and spat it out!
Otherwise it would have interacted with the alcohol and killed me by now!
How about now? Are you still?
Your legs are still shaking
Heh
You're hallucinating, just like your father used to do
He would annoyingly drone on, scolding me like I was a child
I found out he drank because he was so distressed after finding my notebook
But it was the dumb widow, Mariya, who found the box and locked the ring inside
She came to me complaining that you stole her ring
I was blessing my fate when I found your client list in there

SORRY, SENA...!
I JUST WANTED TO HELP YOU...
Her life or your revenge on me What means more to you?
KAMUI-CH...
That's mine!
Come on, kneel down!
Put it on the ground.
CLICK
THUNP

BLAM
whoosh

CRACKLE
Hahaha... I win!
Lose focus for one moment and you lose everything!
THE LIST!
It's the law of nature

HE'S POINTING AT SENA NOW...
!
NOOO!

GUMP
Snapped open
CLATTER
CLACK
YOU...
crash
MIDGET...!

WHOOM
It's two against one.

FLD
I-ahaha!
Soon there'll be thousands... Millions on my side
When I am vice president of Russia
Everything will bend and crack under my power!
Whatever your plans are .
It'll be too late!
VROOM

HIS CAR'S GOING ALL OVER THE ROAD ..
BUT, WELL, HE'S GONE.
SENA... HERE, I'LL UNTIE YOU.
LOOKS LIKE HE TIED YOU UP PRETTY TIGHT.
JUST LIKE THAT CLIENT LIST.
YOUR PAINFUL PAST IS NOTHING BUT ASHES NOW,
THINK ABOUT IT THIS WAY, SENA
IN THE END, I COULDN'T WIN OVER HIM.

I HAD EVERY CHANCE TO GET MY REVENGE ON HIM
I HAD THAT LIST FOR A LONG TIME.
BUT I WAS SCARED TO FACE HIM. I RAN AWAY FROM HIM, LIKE I ALWAYS DID.
BUT I NEVER HATED YOU, NOT ONCE.
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
AND I THOUGHT ABOUT GIVING UP MANY TIMES.
YOU WERE TRYING TO PROTECT US FROM HIM
YOU'VE SEEN THE WORST OF ME
YOU WERE STRONG, SENA!
OF COURSE NOT!
YOU MUST HATE ME

I THOUGHT ABOUT GIVING UP A LOT OF TIMES, ACTUALLY.
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, I LOVE YOU.
MY PAST WILL NEVER CHANGE.
IT'S NO USE!
...NO, IT'S NOT.

KAMUI-CHAN?
WHERE ARE YOU?
KAMUI-CHAN?
WHAT IF THAT BASTARD COMES BACK?
THE RING
I SAW IT FALL NEAR HERE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HERE
I'M HERE.

I'LL FIND IT!
THIS IS A HUGE MEADOW. IT'S HOPELESS
IT'S SO DARK. WE WON'T FIND IT
THAT RING...
I HEARD YOUR PAPA MADE IT AS A WEDDING RING, EVEN THOUGH HE COULDN'T MARRY YOUR MAMA
THE TOP HEART-SHAPED RING WAS FOR HIMSELF,
THE CENTER RING WITH TWO HEARTS WAS FOR YOUR MAMA,
AND THE LAST HEART-SHAPED RING WAS FOR THEIR CHILD.
YOU, SENA
IF THE HAPPY FAMILY ALL CAME TOGETHER, IT WOULD MAKE A LUCKY FOUR-LEAF CLOVER
THAT'S WHAT YOUR PAPA TOLD SAKURAI-KUN'S MAMA...

"A HAPPY FAMILY"...
REALLY?
YEAH...
THERE IT IS!

THE TWO RINGS THAT MAKE THREE LEAVES.
YAY!
I'M SO GLAD, SENA...!!
IT'S GREAT!
SAKURAI-KUN'S MAMA LENT IT TO ME FOR GOOD LUCK.
HOW DID YOU GET THIS RING, KAMUI-CHAN?

IT'S REALLY YOU.
WHO SHOULD'VE HAD IT AS YOU GREW UP.
HFG

MARRY ME, KAMUI-CHAN
...SENA?
I HAD NO FAMILY.
ALL MY LIFE I THOUGHT I'D LIVE AND DIE ALONE.
BUT... YOU CAN BE MY FAMILY.
WHEN YOU MEET SOMEONE YOU CAN LOVE, DON'T LET THAT HAPPINESS ESCAPE.

HAPPINESS
ME, TOO.
I'VE MET SOMEONE I CAN LOVE...
I'LL BECOME YOUR FAMILY.
MARRY ME

HE SAYS KAMUI-CHAN IS SAFE, TOO
SUMI-KUN. SENA'S CALLING.
IT'S PAST NOON ALREADY! WHY COULDN'T YOU CALL ME SOONER?
MARIYA MALENKOVA IS BEING QUESTIONED...
I TOLD MY UNCLE EVERYTHING THE HOTEL'S BEING SEARCHED AS WE SPEAK.
ALL THANKS TO ME.
SHE DIDN'T RUSH INTO IT, FOR A CHANGE,...
COPIES AND PHOTOS OF THE CLIENT LIST?
KAMUI-CHAN WAS ABLE TO TAKE THEM BEFORE GIVING IT BACK TO ZAKHAROV?
YES, SIR! SORRY, SIR!
YOU'RE BEING LOUD.
Who are you, anyway?

THEY'RE NOT FELONY CRIMES, AND ZAKHAROV IS IN A POWERFUL POSITION
THEY CAN'T
HOW-EVER
SO WILL INTERPOL WORK ON IT?
Oh come on, I'm completely fine.
WHEN I SHOWED IT TO MY UNCLE, HE PRACTICALLY STARTED DANCING!
THAT NOTEBOOK INCRIMINATES A LOT MORE THAN JUST ZAKHAROV
IT'S BLACKMAIL, BUT THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPEN FAIRLY OFTEN IN POLITICS, I SUPPOSE.
THIS CLIENT LIST SHOULD HELP THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT GET SOME GOOD RESULTS
IT'S STILL A BIG DEAL. MY UNCLE SAYS THAT THIS WILL BE A POWERFUL BARGAINING TOOL IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA
AND THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT CAN BE SCARIER TH..IN THE MAFI..
BUT REGARDLESS, DMITRIY WILL HAVE TO ANSWER FOR HIS ACTIONS.

JUST DON'T LET IT GO MISSING...
BY SOME MISTAKE

TELL HIM TO COME CONGRATULATE US ON OUR MARRIAGE
I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE A BIG AFFAIR, THOUGH SINCE WE'RE BOTH ONLY STUDENTS
OH, DON'T CRY, SUMI-KUN
Aaaahh
KAMUI-CHAN NEEDS TO BORROW SOME MONEY
...RIGHT
SENA'S WALLET WAS IN DMITRIY'S CAR. SHE SAID WE CAN FIND THEM AT THE AIRPORT HOTEL
HOTE...

I'VE APPRAISED SO MANY THINGS,
BUT SENA WAS A COMPLETE MYSTERY TO ME.
SO NOW...
I'M DELIGHTED TO FINALLY KNOW HIM A BIT BETTER.
I'VE DISCOVERED A BRAND NEW SENA TODAY, AS WELL.
SO I'M HAPPY
SIGH
SHE'S ONLY 18, SETTLING DOWN WITH THAT FOOL—
WHAT'S SHE THINKING?
MAYBE I SHOULD STUDY TO BECOME AN APPRAISER, TOO.
IT'S A USEFUL SET OF SKILLS
WHAT'S WITH THAT NONSENSE?
OH? I'VE GOT AN EYE FOR THINGS...
AND A GOOD INSTINCT

I THINK I LIKE YOU A LOT.
I DIDN'T LIKE YOUR LOOKS AT FIRST..
BUT I'VE MADE A DISCOVERY.
HUH?
THOSE TWO WILL BE JUST FINE, TOO...
I'M SURE.

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
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匂いを嗅いだ少女
I SHOULDN'T BE SLEEPING HERE...

TSUBAKI JUUGOROU, MY GRANDFATHER, NICKNAMED THE "DARK APPRAISER," HAD A VAST TREASURE ROOM WHEN I WAS SORTING THINGS IN IT, I FOUND A VASE INSIDE AN OLD BOX
COME-TRUE VESSEL
"COME-TRUE VESSEL"...?
WHAT IS THIS SCENT?
IS ANYTHING IN HERE?
SNIFF SNIFF
OH, RIGHT
I OPENED THE VASE AND BLACKED OUT...
IT WAS WRITTEN IN GRANDPA'S HANDWRITING.
"SMELL THE VESSEL AND A WISH WILL COME TRUE"...?
SOUNDS FAKE.
HMM...
MUST BE SILVERVINE.
YOU MEAN THAT SUBSTANCE THAT CATS GO GRAZY FOR?
OH! IF IT ISN'T KAMUI-CHAN!

I SMELL "NEAT"?
DOES SHE MEAN THIS BITTER SCENT OF SILVERVINE?
IT'S RELAXING!
BUT YOU SMELL NEAT
STILL CUTE AND SMALL AND ADORABLE.
YOU SEEM THE SAME,
HMM, STRANGE, STRANGE
ARE YOU... DIFFERENT?
EH?
SNIFF SNIFF
Mellow
GREW... BIGGER?
KAMUI-CHAN, YOU...
HUH?
SNIFF
YEAH, A BIT...
FEELS LIKE I'M DRUNK...
...I THINK
TGUD

IT'S TRUE!!
I'M AVERAGE HEIGHT NOW!!
TWEEE
YOU CAN'T JUST SUDDENLY BECOME TALL.
COME ON...
Haha!
BEING SMALL WAS WHAT MADE KAMUI-CHAN, KAMUI-CHAN!
I DON'T WANT KAMUI-CHAN LIKE THAT!
WHAT, REALLY?!
THE COME-TRUE VESSEL!!
DID IT ACTUALLY WORK?
YAY! BYE-BYE MIDGET!
YEAH...
OOF

YEAH, THAT'S JUST...
YOU'VE GROWN EVEN MORE THAN YESTERDAY?
AH...
...IT WON'T STOP FOR SOME REASON.
TP
TP
TP
NOW WHAT!! MY WISH WAS GRANTED, BUT THIS...
WHY WOULD IT WORK THIS FAR...

CRASH!
I DON'T WANT THIS!
OH... AGAIN.
I'M... BLACKING OUT...
WHAT
PLACE?

SO YOU'RE KAMUI?
I'VE BEEN ASKED TO APPRAISE THE VALUABLES IN THIS MANSION.
I'M TSUBAKI JUUGOROU, AN APPRAISER.
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D RAISE A LIVE TIGER IN HERE.
WORK?
WORK?
OHH, OHH, QUIET NOW
Kamui
WHO...
YOU?
Fawr
OH-WOH! YOU'RE AWAKE!
SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF THIS
SMELLS NEAT
CALMING...
YOU LOVE THIS SCENT.
THIS IS SOMETHING I FOUND JUST NOW THE COME-TRUE VESSEL!
"SMELL THE VESSEL AND A WISH WILL COME TRUE."
I'VE JUST MADE A WISH

I WANT TO GROW UP INTO A BIG, BIG ADULT TIGER
LEAVE HERE RUN AS FAR AS I CAN
WISH
I WISH FOR A CUTE GRANDCHILD, A LITTLE GIRL IF POSSIBLE
I THINK HER NAME WOULD BE KAMUI
A GIRL WITH CUTE EYES LIKE YOURS, WITH THE SPIRIT TO NEVER GIVE UP
AND THEN
MAYBE I COULD BECOME YOUR GRANDDAUGHTER
WAS THAT A DREAM THAT THE GIRL KAMUI DREAMED...
OR WAS IT A DREAM THAT THE TIGER KAMUI DREAMED?

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Sumi-kun...
I was hurting my head over whether
he should become a long-haired cop
for a goooood while.

But, well, cops like that
don't exist